

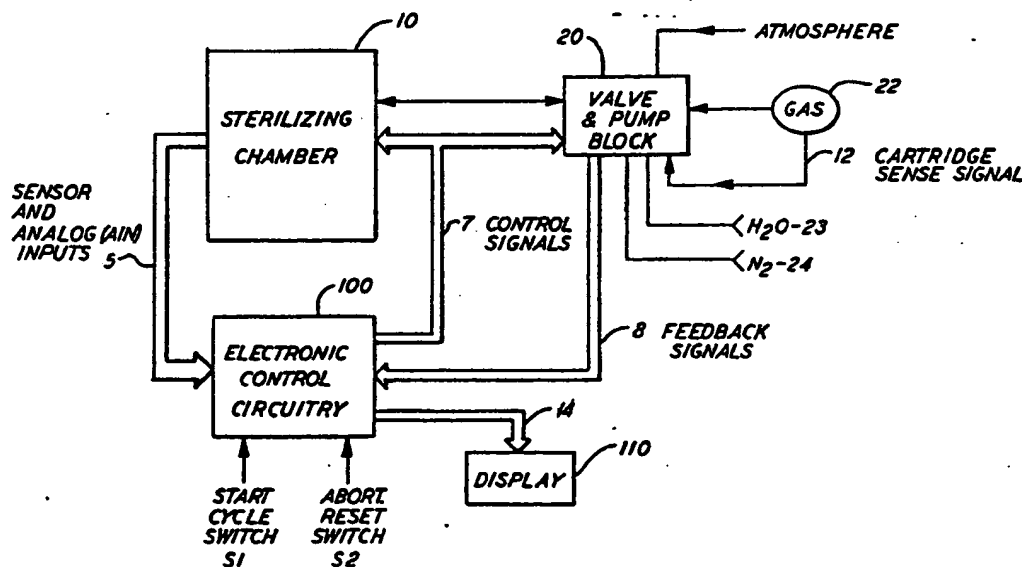
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## (54) Title: GAS STERILANT SYSTEM



## (57) Abstract

A system for treating articles, preferably with a sterilizing gas. The system includes a chamber (10) into which the articles are received and valves (V2, V1) for supplying the sterilizing gas to the chamber and for removing the gas from the chamber after a predetermined time period. The sterilizing gas is generated on site from at least two components, thus minimizing problems in the transportation of the gas to the location. The sterilizing gas generated on site is preferably chlorine dioxide and the two components may be chlorine gas and sodium chlorite. The system includes a programmed microprocessor controller (100) for controlling the valves executing a predetermined sequence of instructions. The predetermined sequence of instructions define a state diagram for the system having a plurality of successive states. In order to provide for system safety, the controller preferably employs a plurality of abort states to which the system returns in the event of a failure. Depending on the nature of the failure, the system automatically moves to the proper abort state.

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## GAS STERILANT SYSTEM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This application is related to copending applications  
5 Serial Nos. 435,331 filed October 19, 1982 and 601,443,  
filed April 18, 1984, the disclosures of which are  
hereby incorporated herein by reference.

The present invention relates to systems for delivering  
a gas to a confined chamber and to systems for  
10 sterilizing substances and articles and particularly to  
systems using a sterilizing gas to sterilize articles,  
for example medical apparatus such as utensils and  
instruments which may have been contaminated by foreign  
substances. The system of the present invention can  
15 also be used to sterilize non-medical articles and  
substances, as required. The system of the present  
invention relates particularly to a gas sterilizing  
system wherein two components which react to provide  
sterilizing amounts of a gas are combined in the field  
20 by the apparatus of the present invention. This allows  
the components which react to form the sterilizing gas  
to be shipped separately, which minimizes the  
possibility of accidents.

In particular, the present invention relates to a system  
25 using chlorine dioxide as the sterilizing gas. Chlorine  
dioxide gas is both unstable and toxic to humans. For

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example, chlorine dioxide gas, will, over time, decompose into its constituent parts and accordingly, it cannot be transported easily. It is therefore undesirable to transport chlorine dioxide gas.

5 Moreover, chlorine dioxide gas is somewhat explosive and also has a propensity to undergo catalytic decomposition. The components which react to form chlorine dioxide gas (e.g., sodium chlorite and chlorine gas), however, may be transported relatively easily and

10 reacted on site to provide the sterilizing gas chlorine dioxide.

Prior systems have typically used ethylene oxide gas as a sterilant. For example, the castle 4040 ethylene oxide sterilizer manufactured by Sybron Corporation,

15 Medical Products Division, is an example of such a prior system. Although ethylene oxide has been used as a sterilizing gas in the prior systems, chlorine dioxide is a preferred sterilant.

Furthermore, the systems used in the past have typically

20 been of rather simple design and have not included advanced means for maintaining the reliability of the devices and safeguarding against accidents. Additionally, these systems have not provided a great deal of redundancy so that if a component of the system

25 failed, manual intervention or service personnel was required to correct the failure before the sterilizing process could continue.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the present invention to provide a

30 sterilizing system which uses a gas having bacteriocidal, sporicidal, fungicidal and/or viricidal properties to sterilize articles.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a

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sterilizing system in which at least two components which react to provide a sterilizing gas are reacted on site within the apparatus of the present invention to provide effective amounts of the sterilizing gas.

- 5 It is yet a further object of the present invention to provide a sterilizing system wherein the sterilant is chlorine dioxide gas.

It is still a further object of the present invention to provide a gas sterilizing system having built-in  
10 redundancy and means for maintaining the reliability and safety of the system.

It is still yet another object of the present invention to provide a gas sterilizing system which is versatile and which is controlled by a programmed microprocessor.

- 15 According to one embodiment of the invention, these and other objects of the present invention are achieved by a system for treating articles with a gas comprising first means for receiving a first component, second means for receiving a second component, the first and second  
20 components, when reacted together, forming the gas, means for reacting the two components together for forming the gas, valve means for supplying the gas to the chamber means to treat the article in the chamber means, means for removing the gas from the chamber  
25 means, electronic controller means for controlling the means for reacting, means for supplying and means for removing, comprising computer means executing a predetermined sequence of steps so as to cycle the apparatus through a series of successive states defining  
30 a cycle in which the article is treated by the gas and wherein the gas is thereafter removed from the chamber means so as to render the atmosphere in the chamber means within acceptable standards of safety.

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According to another embodiment of the invention, a system for treating articles with a gas is provided comprising chamber means for receiving articles to be treated, means for supplying the gas to the chamber means comprising valve means coupled to the chamber means for supplying the gas to the chamber means, means for removing the gas from the chamber means after a predetermined time interval, electronic control means receiving a plurality of electrical signals associated with ones of measured parameters from the chamber means for controlling the valve means and the means for removing, the electronic control means comprising computer means for cycling the apparatus through a plurality of states in accordance with a predetermined sequence of instructions, the computer means including means for aborting the operation of the apparatus to one of a plurality of defined failure states in response to a failure of the apparatus, the selected failure state dependent on the state in the cycle in which the failure occurred.

According to still another embodiment of the invention, a system for treating articles with a gas is provided comprising chamber means for receiving articles to be treated, means for supplying the gas to the chamber means comprising valve means coupled to the chamber means for supplying the gas to the chamber means, means for removing the gas from the chamber means after a predetermined time interval, electronic control means receiving a plurality of electrical signals associated with ones of measured parameters from the chamber means for controlling the valve means and the means for removing, the electronic control means comprising computer means for cycling the apparatus through a plurality of states in accordance with a predetermined sequence of instructions, the computer means including memory means, and further comprising means for receiving

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input signals from the valve means indicative of the closed or open condition of the valve means and means for transmitting output signals to the valve means to selectively open or close the valve means, image signals  
5 of the input and output signals being stored in the memory means, mask means being stored in the memory means, the computer means comparing the image signals of the input and output signals and generating an alarm signal if the input and output image signals do not  
10 agree in response to the setting of a bit in the mask means.

Other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the description which follows.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The present invention will be described in greater detail with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of the overall gas sterilant  
20 system according to the invention;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of the sterilizing chamber and the valve and pump block of the gas sterilant system according to the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a block diagram of the electronic control  
25 circuitry of the gas sterilant system;

FIG. 3A is a table of addresses used in the electronic controller of FIG. 3 and the corresponding components or signals controlled by the addresses;

FIG. 4 is a block diagram showing how various system  
30 clock frequencies and the system interrupt are derived;

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FIG. 5 is a front view of one embodiment of a control panel for the gas sterilant system showing the controller display lights and control switches;

FIG. 6 is a state diagram for the gas sterilant system  
5 according to the present invention;

FIG. 7 is a state output matrix corresponding to the state diagram of FIG. 6 for the gas sterilant system according to the present invention;

FIGS. 7A and 7B are flowcharts for the sequencing  
10 program for implementing the state diagram of FIG. 6;

FIG. 8 is a block diagram of the safety interlock arrangement for the gas sterilant system according to the present invention;

FIG. 9 is a functional flow diagram for the software  
15 resident in the memory of the electronic controller of the gas sterilant system according to the present invention;

FIG. 10 is a flow diagram for timed functions of the software for the gas sterilant system;

20 FIG. 11 is a flow diagram for one of the timed functions of the software for the gas sterilant system;

FIG. 12 is a memory map of the data memory of the electronic control circuitry for the gas sterilant system according to the present invention;

25 FIG. 13 is a flowchart for another of the timed functions of the software of the electronic control circuitry for the gas sterilant system according to the present invention;



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FIG. 14 is a flowchart of another of the timed functions of the software for the gas sterilant system according to the present invention;

FIG. 15 is a flowchart for another of the timed  
5 functions of the software for the gas sterilant system according to the present invention;

FIG. 16 is a flowchart for a program implemented in the control unit for resetting the control unit timed functions;

10 FIG. 17 is a flowchart for a program implemented in the control unit for reading in input data from the system according to the invention;

FIG. 18 is a flowchart for a program implemented in the control unit for providing a timeout alarm in the event  
15 of a component failure;

FIG. 19 is a flowchart for a program implemented in the control unit for providing an additional alarm in the event of a component failure;

FIG. 20 is a flowchart for a program implemented in the  
20 control unit for writing out data to the controlled components of the system;

FIG. 21 is a flowchart for a program implemented in the control unit for reading in analog input data from the controlled system;

25 FIG. 22 is a general flowchart for a program implemented in the control unit for providing the various timed functions of the system;

FIG. 23 is a flowchart for part of the program of FIG.

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22; and

FIG. 24 is a flowchart for a program implemented in the control unit for controlling the system outputs.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

##### 5 Overall System

With reference now to the drawing figures, FIG. 1 shows the overall gas sterilant system. The system comprises a sterilizing chamber 10, electronic control circuitry 100 which is preferably microprocessor controlled, valve and pump block 20 and displays 110. Sensor inputs 5 including signals generated by appropriate sensors in chamber 10 and related to temperature, pressure, humidity and sterilizing gas concentration in the chamber 10 are fed from the sterilizing chamber 10 to control circuitry 100. The sensor inputs include both analog signals relating to the above measured chamber parameters and certain digital signals, e.g., a signal indicative of when the temperature in the chamber has reached a desired value, to be explained in more detail below. A START CYCLE switch S1 initiates operation of the system and an ABORT-RESET switch S2, as described in more detail later, is used to recycle the system states to a defined condition if an abort mode is attained, i.e., if a failure or alarm condition occurs. The operation of valve and pump block 20 will be described in more detail below, and includes a source of chlorine dioxide gas 22 which is produced on location from separated components, water vapor 23 and nitrogen 24. The valve and pump block is also vented to the atmosphere, as shown. Valve and pump block 20 includes a number of sequenced and controlled valves and a vacuum pump for providing the necessary conditions in the sterilizing chamber at the appropriate times. Because of the instability and potential toxicity of chlorine dioxide, the preferred sterilizing gas, it is preferable

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to transport components, which when reacted, form the chlorine dioxide gas. For example, the components may be sodium chlorite,  $\text{Na}_2\text{ClO}_2$  and chlorine gas,  $\text{Cl}_2$ .

Appropriate control signals 7 are fed by the electronic control circuitry 100 to the valve and pump block 20 and chamber 10 for controlling components of the system. Furthermore, feedback signals 8 from the controlled components are fed back to the control circuitry 100 so that the controller can monitor the state of the system and signals 14 are coupled to display panel 110 for informing the operator of the status of the system.

Additionally, a cartridge sense signal 12 is fed from the attached gas cartridge ( $\text{Cl}_2$  component cartridge) to indicate that a gas component cartridge has been coupled into the system.

#### General Functions

FIG. 2 shows the arrangement of valve and pump block 20 in more detail. Valve and pump block 20 includes a series of valves V1, V2, V3, V4, V4a, V5, V6, V7, V8, V9 and V10, pumps P1 and P2, air filter 13, a detoxifier 22 for detoxifying the evacuated chlorine dioxide gas, which may be implemented as explained in the above copending patent applications, and appropriate sources of water vapor, nitrogen,  $\text{Cl}_2$  gas, air, and sodium chlorite. As shown in FIG. 2, some of the valves are merely sequenced, while others are controlled in response to selected ones of the values of the measured process variables, e.g., gas concentration, humidity level and pressure. For safety reasons, each valve (V) is fitted with two limit switches (LS) to indicate the open (e.g. LS2o) or closed condition (e.g. LS2c) of the valve. In the attached software listing, the open limit switches are referred to by the designation LSOx and the closed limit switches by the designation LSCx. Both

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switches must be in their proper positions at the proper times during the entire cycle in order that the cycle not be aborted. In addition, a number of lights are provided on a display panel, as shown in FIG. 5, which  
5 indicate the progress of the sterilization cycle or the occurrence of possible fault conditions. A cycle can be started by the operator, after the chamber door 11 is closed, by momentarily depressing the START-CYCLE (S1) switch. See FIG. 1. Thereafter the cycle proceeds  
10 automatically according to a program stored in the microprocessor memory of the electronic controller 100. This process will be described in more detail below.

Furthermore, in order to provide redundancy, a number of manually controlled valves, e.g. valves  $V_9$  and  $V_{10}$ , are  
15 provided in case valves  $V_3$  and  $V_8$  do not open. These valves can be manually operated by service personnel so that potentially toxic gases can be removed via detoxifier 22 in the event valves  $V_3$  and  $V_8$  fail to open when sterilizing gas is in the chamber. An auxiliary  
20 vacuum pump is also provided so that the gas can be drawn out via the manually operated valves.

#### Sterilization Cycle

The sterilization cycle is an interlocked sequence of events and consequent actions under microprocessor  
25 control. The steps of this sequence are detailed in the state diagram of FIG. 6 and state output matrix of FIG. 7. These steps are performed by a sequencing program, the flowchart for which is shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B and the details of which are disclosed in the program  
30 listing contained in the appendix. Two types of events occur during the sequence, independent and dependent events. Some independent events are external events and include contact input signals to the controller from the controlled valves (e.g., the limit switches), and are  
35 referred to by the symbols X0x to X3x in FIG. 3. Each

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contact input signal is one bit of an eight bit word and the collection of such control input signals shall be referred to herein generally as digital inputs (DIN). Independent events also include the reception of signals

5 corresponding to measured or analog process values (AIN), such as pressure, temperature, humidity and sterilizing gas concentration. The measured value signals are associated with logical comparison operations performed by the controller. Other

10 independent events are internally declared, and these typically result in the illumination of an indicator light on the display panel, shown in FIG. 5. The controller evaluates the dependent events, which are logical combinations of independent events, to single

15 TRUE or FALSE results. When the dependent event becomes true, a corresponding action is performed, i.e. the control system moves to a new process state, defined by the state output matrix of FIG. 7. If the dependent event is not true, the controller holds the process

20 state in its memory and waits for a period of 50 milliseconds before reevaluating the dependent event. In the case of a system failure, the system automatically transfers to an appropriate ABORT state immediately, as will be described in greater detail

25 below. This process continues until the cycle has been completed or aborted.

#### Safety Considerations

The sterilization system is provided with a number of checks to insure correct operation of the various valves and other

30 components. As will be described in more detail below, interlock software implemented by the controller main timing program confirms the correct position of all valves every 6250 microseconds. An alarm condition is declared any time a valve is not in its commanded state. The operation of these

35 interlocks differs from typical relay logic, or programmable logic controllers, in that interlock checking continues after

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valve actuation has taken place and can lead to different failure programming (ABORT states) at each process stage. The correct status of a valve is latched into memory after actuation is confirmed, and this latched condition is checked every 6250 microseconds. FIG. 8 is a block diagram of the safety-interlock components necessary to perform this checking routine. Failure to pass either an initial event-timeout condition following actuation or any subsequent status check will result in abnormal termination of the sterilization cycle. A sequence of control actions for safe termination of the cycle is defined for every point in the sterilization cycle, and is initiated immediately in the event of any abnormal (ALARM) process condition. This intensive status checking according to the invention prevents deliberate bypassing of the interlock switches in the field, since if a limit switch is bypassed, at some point in the system cycle the switch will be determined to be in an improper position, thus causing the system to enter an ABORT state.

As shown in FIG. 8, the safety interlock system includes a Sequencing Program 120 stored in internal memory (ROM) of the electronic controller. Sequencing program 120 is identified in a listing of the program resident in memory attached hereto, as SEQ and the flowchart for this program is shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B. Also stored in memory is a Contact Status Check program 122 and a series of masks 124 which are determined by the particular point in the sequence program. The Contact Status Check program is identified in the appendix as CSC and a flowchart therefor is shown in FIGS. 18 and 19. Inputs 126, which are images stored in memory of actual input signals from both "open" limit switch contacts 127 (closed when a valve is open and open when a valve is closed) and "closed" contacts 129 (closed when a valve is closed and open when a valve is open) are provided, as well as inputs from other components, such as the sterilizing chamber 10 door 11. A series of contact outputs 125 are also provided by the particular state of the sequencing program. The Contact

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Status Check program 122 compares the contact inputs with the contact outputs 125. Whenever an input differs from the desired value, as established by the output, an alarm condition is declared if, and only if, a corresponding bit is turned on in the Mask 124. This safety feature detects any incorrect valve position immediately. A hardware implemented watchdog timer 132 is utilized to provide an extra level of safety by disabling all outputs to the valves 130 by opening electronic switches 134 when the timer times out if the microprocessor controller should fail, thereby preventing energization of any of the valves in the valve and pump block 20 in the event of a computer failure.

FIGS. 7A and 7B are a flowchart for the sequencing program SEQ. The sequencing program is entered from another program, called the Main Dispatching Program, which essentially checks for flags generated at appropriate time intervals and which determines when specific functions should be performed. As shown in FIG. 7A, when the sequencing program is entered, the current state of the system is retrieved from memory, as shown at 180. The current state is stored in a register 210a in internal CPU RAM, as shown in FIG. 12. The organization of internal CPU RAM will be discussed in more detail in connection with FIG. 12 later. At 182, a check is made to determine if the state exceeds the maximum state number. If it does, an ABORT state, state 31, to be discussed in more detail in connection with FIG. 6, is entered at 184. Otherwise, the conditions for the next state are performed at 186 by entering the program ST, the flowchart for which is shown in FIG. 7B.

As shown in FIG. 7B, program ST first evaluates each dependent event to a single true or false result, as shown at 188 and 189. Each dependent event is a logical combination of a number of independent events, each of which must be specified if the dependent event is true. If the dependent event is not true, a hold flag (F0) in a memory location in the

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microprocessor internal RAM (see FIG. 12) is set at 190. Otherwise, the next state is set at 192 and a new ABORT state, if a new ABORT state is required, is set, but not entered, at 193.

- 5 At 194, the timeout for the previous event must be disabled so that the timeout will not cause an alarm condition to be generated, which could cause an ABORT state to be reached. Timeouts are provided by program implemented timers, which monitor for the occurrence of a specified action, e.g. the
- 10 movement of a valve, within a preset time defined by the timer. If the specified action has occurred, the timeout must be disabled because the timer continues to run. In order to disable the timeout, as shown in FIG. 18, a flag in the Timer Counter Enable Register (TCEN) 207 in internal RAM (FIG. 12)
- 15 is cleared. In this way, when the flag for the timer is set into the Timer Counter Flag Register (TCFL) 206 (FIG. 12) when the timer runs out, no alarm will be generated. If a timeout alarm is generated, a bit TMOF is set in the STATUS register, as shown in FIG. 18.
- 20 At 195, the masks are cleared, i.e., bits corresponding to the particular events which are to take place are set to a "don't care" condition, so that the change of the corresponding bits in the contact outputs do not set off an alarm condition by the contact status check program. At this point, the action
- 25 may be performed, as shown at 196. Subsequently, the timeout count for the action is loaded into the appropriate one of the timer registers 200 (FIG. 12) as will be explained in more detail later. The action timeout flag is then enabled to monitor for the timely occurrence of the current monitored
- 30 action as shown at 197. The hold flag F0 is then cleared at 198 and a return is made to the flowchart of FIG. 7A, to the point denoted SEQR.

At 200a, a test is performed to determine if an alarm or timeout condition has occurred. If an alarm or timeout has



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occurred, the current state is set to the current ABORT state at 201 immediately. Then, the hold flag FØ is checked at 202 to determine if it has been set. If it has, a return is then made to the background or main dispatching program from which  
5 all subroutines are entered. If flag FØ has not been set, the system remains in the sequencing program to continue to the next state and only exits once flag FØ is set.

FIG. 19 shows the contact status check program in more detail. As shown, the contact input status corresponding to the  
10 contact inputs are stored in appropriate locations in the internal RAM of the system microprocessor. The memory locations are as indicated. See FIG. 12. The same is done for the contact output status bits, which specify the events to occur for a particular state. The Masks MSK0-MSK3, also  
15 stored in internal RAM, are evaluated by the contact status check program. If the contact inputs vary from the contact outputs, an alarm condition is generated by setting a bit in the status register 204, which is a location in RAM (see FIG. 12), but this is only done if the corresponding bit in the  
20 Mask is turned on. If the bit is off, indicating that a change of the corresponding output is to be allowed to occur, no alarm will be generated, and the contact outputs will be written into an output buffer, to be described in more detail below, to actuate the appropriate controlled or sequenced  
25 component, e.g., a valve or pump, without operating an alarm.

Additional safety features are also provided for in the system. As discussed above, manually actuatable valves V9 and V10, operated by service personnel, and auxiliary pump P2 are provided in the event valves V8 and V3 and main pump P1 do not  
30 operate properly, thus providing a degree of redundancy. Furthermore, as shown in FIG. 2, safety features are provided to prevent the possibility of excessive temperatures and pressures in the sterilizing chamber 10. A thermally activated switch 11a is provided in series with heater HTØ1 in  
35 the chamber to detect excessive temperature. For example,

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should the heater HT01 fail to turn off, the thermostatic switch 11a will sense an excessive temperature and interrupt the circuit.

Additionally, should excessive pressures develop in the  
5 chamber, a pressure relief valve 9 is provided for venting gases in chamber 10 through a second detoxifier 22a to the atmosphere.

Also provided is a check valve 15 in series with valve V4 which supplies sterilizing chlorine gas to the system. Check  
10 valve 15 prevents the possibility of nitrogen gas from the nitrogen cannister pressurizing the chlorine gas cannister should valves V4 and V4a fail to close. Check valve 15 only allows chlorine gas to flow out of the chlorine gas cannister and prevents nitrogen gas from flowing into the chlorine gas  
15 cannister if valves V4 and V4a fail to close.

#### Operator Interactions

The apparatus and sterilization cycle of the system according to the invention provide for minimal operator intervention and maximum safety. FIG. 5 shows an embodiment of a display panel  
20 for the invention showing the various display lights. Certain lights are provided but not used, for expansion purposes. The sterilization cycle cannot be initiated until the chamber 10 door 11 has been properly closed. The DOOR-OPEN light (LTI) will then be extinguished, as shown by LT01 changing state  
25 from a "1" state in state 1 to a "0" state in state 2 of FIG. 7, and the READY-FOR-CYCLE light (LT11) will be illuminated. See also FIG. 5. To start the cycle, the operator merely presses the START-CYCLE (S1) switch (see FIG. 1) when ready. Thereafter, no operator intervention is required until the  
30 cycle ends, with illumination of the REMOVE-LOAD light (LT17), or until an alarm condition has halted the cycle. In the latter eventuality, one of the alarm lights indicating the failure will be on. The operator notes which lights are on,

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takes the necessary action and then presses the ABORT-RESET (S2) switch when ready to cycle the system back to a defined condition and to avoid the failure condition, if possible. For example, if the PURGE-FAIL light (LT5) is on, due to the possibility of an empty nitrogen tank, the tank should be replaced before pressing the S2 switch. Similarly for other failure modes, an attempt should be made to diagnose and remedy the failure condition before pressing switch S2. The subsequent actions to abort the cycle are then predetermined and automatic. No further operator intervention is necessary. Furthermore, redundancy has been provided in the system so that if a component fails, another component, e.g., a pump or valve, can take the place of the failed component so that the system can be brought out of its failure state.

#### 15 Control Circuitry Design

The overall design of the electronic control circuitry 100 is shown in FIG. 3. The controller is microprocessor controlled, and preferably utilizes a type 8031, 8051 or 8751 microprocessor CPU 102 manufactured by Intel Corp., because of the ability of these processors to perform Boolean arithmetic on bit addressable data. The CPU 102 includes self contained Random Access Memory (RAM) and Read Only Memory (ROM). Furthermore, the controller may include external ROM 104 and a non-volatile Shadow RAM (SRAM) 106 which may be a type X2210 manufactured by XICOR Inc. and which, as discussed heretofore, stores critical data after power-down. The controller also includes a clock crystal 108, input latch 113 receiving Digital INputs (DIN), an A/D Converter 114 and filter 114a for Analog INputs (AIN), an output latch 117 for Digital OUtputs (DOU), and a WatchDog Timer 112 (WDT). The latter timer is arranged to disable all outputs to the valves to their dennergized state upon failure of the microprocessor, as described above with reference to FIG. 8. Analog to digital converter 114 and analog filter 114a, convert the analog inputs from the measured gas concentration, temperature,

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humidity and pressure parameters to digital data.

Central processor 102 is coupled to an address/data bus 116, which also couples RAM 106, ROM 104 and a bus transceiver 105. An address latch 103 is enabled by a line 107 from the  
5 CPU/102, and latches addresses to a further bus 109, the Read/Write and Address Bus. Bus 109 allows the DIN Latch 113, A/D converter 114, a time stamp clock 119 and DOU latch 117 to be addressed at the appropriate times during execution of the sterilization sequence program, i.e., when CPU 102 calls for  
10 input data from the various valve limit switches, DIN latch 113 is addressed. At other times the A/D converter 114 or DOU latch 117 will be addressed.

Two decoders, a read enable decoder 120 and a write enable decoder 122 are coupled to bus 109 and allow latches 113 and  
15 117 and A/D converter 114 to be either read from or written to. Appropriate read/write commands are coupled on lines 126 for controlling the decoders.

Furthermore, a data bus 124 is also provided for reading data from or to the input and output latches and A/D converter.

20 Several additional control lines are also employed, including a data bus enable 125 and RAM command lines 127. Line 125 enables bus transceiver 105 only for very short intervals and only during input/output (I/O) subroutines (e.g., subroutines WCO (Write Contact Outputs), RCI (Read Contact Inputs) and RAI  
25 (Read Analog Inputs), see appendix), when input and output operations are being performed, e.g., writing output information to DOU latch 117 for controlling the valves. In this way, data on the data bus 124 for actuating the various valves of the valve and pump block cannot be transmitted to  
30 the valves except under limited circumstances. This provides an additional degree of system safety. Furthermore, bus transceiver XCVR 105 is bi-directional and the direction of data transfer is controlled by one of the read and write

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lines, as shown.

RAM command lines 127 issue signals to shadow RAM 106 so that failures can be logged permanently and other critical data can be stored in the event of a power failure.

- 5 A reset line 129 is also provided between the Write enable decoder 122 and watchdog timer 112 and an enable line 130 is provided between timer 112 and DOU latch 117. As previously indicated, timer 112 monitors CPU 102 for proper system operation. Normally, CPU 102 constantly resets the watchdog  
10 timer via line 129. In the event of a CPU malfunction, the reset signal will fail to appear in time and the timer 112 times out and removes the output enable signal on line 130. The removal of this signal disables all DOU latch 117 outputs, thus preventing valve energization in the event of a CPU  
15 failure. Accordingly, a still further degree of safety has been provided in the system described.

- Since the elements of the controller are coupled to data buses 116 and 124, as shown in FIG. 3, they have been assigned memory addresses through which they can be accessed by the  
20 microprocessor. FIG. 3A shows one arrangement of these addresses, for reference. As indicated above, certain of the devices, such as the SRAM 106 and DOU latch 117, are provided so that the data they contain can only be changed when bits of the microprocessor port lines are sequenced properly. This is  
25 a safety feature which prevents some microprocessor failure modes from causing undesired changes in memory contents or valve positions.

- All processor and program timing is derived from the basic clock oscillator 108, which preferably has a frequency of  
30 5.9904 MHz. FIG. 4 illustrates the relationship between the various frequencies used. As indicated in FIG. 3, provision may also be made to add a precision clock 119 to the system, which can be read by way of the data/address bus or via a

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serial data communications line 118 to provide a clock-calendar for time-stamping the process data.

As shown in FIG. 4, basic processor timing is provided by the CPU internal crystal controlled clock 108. The clock 108 frequency is divided by twelve by CPU internal counter stages 130 and 132 to provide the CPU Address Latch Enable (ALE) signal of 499,200 HZ. The ALE signal is used to strobe address latch 103 so that addresses can be placed on bus 109 and further controls the operation of A/D converter 114.

Signal ALE is also coupled to further internal divider stages 134 and 136. Divider stage 134 provides a signal designated TIMER 1, which is further divided by an internal counter stage 138 into a 1200 bit/sec signal for serial data transfer, which optionally may be provided to transmit system data to remote locations via serial line 118.

Counter stage 136 provides an interrupt, TIMERO. TIMERO provides a transition every 6250 usecs and allows the main timed function program, TMRO, to read all contact inputs and analog inputs and write all contact outputs every 6250 usecs. The operation of this program and other programs of the operating system will be described in more detail later.

The TIMERO interrupt is then further divided by program TMRO software counter stages 142, 144 and 146, to provide the respective program execution signals designated as TIC, SEC and MIN, which occur at period of 50 msecs, 1 sec and 1 min, respectively. These will be discussed in further detail below.

FIG. 3A details the assignment of addresses on address bus 109. As shown, the bus 109 is a 16 bit bus. Internal CPU RAM is assigned address space 00-FF and bits A<sub>0</sub> to A<sub>7</sub> on the bus 109 identify the RAM locations. Internal ROM is identified by bits A<sub>0</sub> to A<sub>15</sub>, with bits A<sub>12</sub>-A<sub>15</sub> always being 0's, as

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shown. Addresses from 0000 to 0FFF are used. The other components, external ROM 104, external RAM 106, clock 119, A/D converter 114, DIN latch 113, DOU latch 117 and watchdog timer 112 are assigned the addresses indicated in FIG. 3A. As  
5 shown, the DIN and DOU latches each are capable of latching 4 eight bit words, the DIN latches from the various limit switches and other contact inputs and the DOU latches to the various valves, pumps, etc. Digital inputs DIN and digital outputs DOU are each subdivided into four words of 8 bits  
10 each, and all eight bits of each group are accessed at one time by the respective addresses indicated in FIG. 3A.

As shown in FIG. 3, the analog pressure, temperature, humidity and chlorine dioxide gas concentration parameters are fed from respective sensors 114c to respective amplifiers 114d, e, f  
15 and g. In order to provide an additional degree of system safety when sterilizing chlorine dioxide gas is being evacuated from the sterilizing chamber, it is important that the chlorine dioxide gas concentration levels be accurately measured. Accordingly, amplifier 114g for the gas  
20 concentration signal is switched into a high gain mode by a control signal Y37 during the time when the sterilizing chamber is being evacuated. In this way, A/D converter 114 will compare the input concentration analog signal with a greater number of quantizing levels, thus providing a more  
25 accurate indication of the actual concentration. At all other times, amplifier 114g will remain in a low gain mode. For example, when chlorine dioxide levels are being measured in the chamber for purposes of determining an adequate sterilizing concentration, much higher concentration levels  
30 are being measured, and accordingly, A/D converter 114 provides an accurate digital signal corresponding to the analog concentration level. Therefore, amplifier 114g can remain in a low gain mode. Amplifier 114g may be switched to a high gain mode by signal Y37 changing from a "0" to a "1".

35 The system data-base may be thought of as being divided into

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external and internal sections. The external data-base contains the Contact inputs (CCI), which are comprised of the digital inputs DIN; the Contact Outputs (CCO), which comprise the digital outputs DOU; and the Analog Inputs (AIN). Images of the external data-base are maintained in an internal data base comprising locations in internal RAM by subroutines of the TIMERO program (TMRO), which is invoked every 6250 microseconds. That is, every 6250 microseconds, all contact inputs and analog measurements are read and stored in the controller internal data-base and images of the contact outputs loaded in the DOU latch. With reference to FIG. 12, which is a memory map for the internal data RAM of CPU 102, images of the contact inputs are stored as the variables CCIO through CCI3, and the filtered analog inputs are stored as the variables ADIO through ADI7. The contact outputs are stored as variables CC00-CC03. Programs using the input data retrieve it only from these locations, and not from the input devices directly. Hence, the programs only operate on images of the inputs and outputs. In addition, the internal data-base includes a number of register banks, RB0-RB3. In RB0, a number of timers 205 are provided including a 50 msec timer TICK (50 msec), a second timer TSEC (1 sec) and a minute timer TMIN (1 min). These timers provide timed function intervals for scheduling functions implemented at those intervals by the system main dispatching program. The TICK timer times out after 50 msec and sets a flag TICF in STATUS register 204 to be used by the main dispatching program to initiate all 50 msec timed functions, including a number of timers 200 in register bank RB3 which are invoked every 50 msec, TTMx. These timers are preferably invoked for monitoring timeout conditions for the system valves, for example.

The TSEC timer similarly times out after 1 sec and sets a flag (SECF) in STATUS register 204, to be used by the main dispatching program to initiate all 1 second timed functions, including a number of timers 200 in RB3 which are invoked every second, STMx. Similarly, the TMIN timer times out after



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a minute and sets a flag (MINF) in STATUS register 204 to be used by the main dispatching program to initiate the 1 minute timed functions, including a number of timers 200 in RB3 which are invoked every minute, MTMx. The data memory also includes registers in RB2 for keeping track of the current state and ABORT state used by the sequence program. Also included are the sequence status register 204, TCEN and TCFL registers 207 and 208, already discussed, for the timers, and a control register CTRL for enabling a control calculation to open or close a valve. 4 bits of the control register, as shown, are used for controlling the four control loops of the system, corresponding to the measured temperature, humidity, pressure and gas concentration parameters. An array of bit masks 260 is provided in the internal data-base to permit "don't care" conditions when comparing contact input and output status. Further descriptions of the data elements are found in the controller program source listing in the appendix to this specification.

More particularly, internal RAM of CPU 102 may be organized as follows. The 256 (FF) memory locations are organized into 50 msec, one sec and one minute timers in the timed function registers (memory locations 00 to 07); optional communications program registers (memory locations 08 to 0F) for controlling a receive buffer RBUF and transmit buffer TBUF; main dispatching program registers (memory locations 10 to 17); timers 200 which are implemented at 50 msec, one second and one minute intervals by timers 205 (18 to 1D); (counters 1E and 1F); a status byte 204 (20); a control byte 206 (21); a timer enable byte TCEN (22); a timer flag byte TCFL (23); a series of masks 260 for the inputs; (24-27); the contact output images CC00-CC03 (28-2B); contact input images CCI0 CCI3 (2C-2F); analog inputs ADI0-ADI7 (30-37); and set points for the measured process variables, such as temperature, pressure, concentration and humidity (38-3B). The remainder of the internal RAM is assigned to the communications buffers (40 to 5F), the system stack (60 to 7F) and internal

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microprocessor registers and storage (80 to FF), the use of which is known to those skilled in the art. Refer to Microcontroller User's Manual, published by Intel Corp., May 1982, document No. 210359-001. Although the entire system  
5 program is contained in internal ROM of the CPU 102, an external ROM may also be provided so as to allow additional programming capabilities. Alongside FIG. 12, the contents of the STATUS, CTRL, TCEN and TCFL registers by bit are shown.

#### State Sequence

- 10 The progress of the sterilization cycle can be determined from the PROGRESS lights on the display panel, shown in FIG. 5. During a normal cycle the failure lights should never be on. Whether normal or aborted, both cycle and failure data will be maintained in a non-volatile random access memory or shadow  
15 RAM (SRAM). For example, after a designated number of cycles, e.g. three cycles, the gas cartridges will be discharged and must be replaced. The data concerning the number of cycles in which a cartridge has been used is stored in this memory. Also, after a predetermined number of cycles, or repeated  
20 failures, the system will be disabled until maintenance has been performed. This is a safety feature which cannot be bypassed in the field, and this data is also stored in the non-volatile memory.

As discussed, FIG. 6 is a state diagram which defines the  
25 operation of the sequencing program of the sterilant system. FIG. 7 identifies the condition of the components identified in FIG. 2 as well as the display lamps shown in FIG. 5 for the various process states. The operation of the system may now be described in further detail.

- 30 The system always begins in an initialization state, state 0. During this state, all output lines of the microprocessor in control circuitry 100 are set so as to initially deenergize all valves in the valve and pump block 20. After a short time

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delay, valve V7 is opened to allow air into the chamber, as shown by a "1" appearing opposite VV07 for state 0 in FIG. 7. Furthermore, during this state, the control circuitry 100 stores in memory the state of all output ports of the  
5 microprocessor.

In states 0 and 1, the door to the sterilizing chamber 10 is in its open position. Once the door is closed, state 2 is entered. As indicated in FIG. 6, this means that the system is ready to begin its cycle. As further indicated in FIG. 7,  
10 in state 2, valves V1-V6 are closed, valve V7 remains open and valve V8 is closed. Display lights LT1-LT6 are off, light LT11 (READY FOR CYCLE) is on and lights LT12-LT17 are off. The corresponding limit switches (LS) are in a position determined by the condition of the associated valve, e.g., for  
15 valve V2, which is closed, limit switch LS2a is open while limit switch LS2c is made. As indicated above, two limit switches are provided on each valve, one for the open position and one for the closed position, in order to insure the safety of the system. Both limit switches must be in their proper  
20 position, otherwise a failure will occur.

When the door to the chamber 10 is open, the system is in state 1, once the initialization state has been passed. Accordingly, only LT1 is on and the other lights are off, as shown in FIG. 7.

25 Assuming the chamber door has been closed and the system is in state 2, if the START CYCLE switch S1 is pressed, the system moves to state 3. At this point valve V7 closes, as indicated by the "0" appearing in the column for state 3 in FIG. 6 and light LT12, CYCLE IN PROGRESS, turns on. As indicated in FIG.  
30 2, valve V7 vents the chamber 10 via a filter 13 to the atmosphere when open. Thus, the flow of filtered external air into the chamber is stopped when valve V7 closes.

If the door is opened in state 2, an immediate return to state

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1 is made.

Once in state 3, and, if V7 is closed, as indicated by the closed state of limit switch LS7c and open state of limit switch LS7o, state 4 will be entered. If valve V7 does not  
5 close within a certain time, as determined by a timeout implemented by one of the TIC timers TTMx in RB3 of the data memory, state 29, ABORT-1 will be entered. Furthermore, if an alarm condition occurs, such as the opening of a valve which should be closed, an alarm condition will be generated and the  
10 point of failure indicated on the display panel, indicating to the operator that a malfunction has occurred.

Once in state 3, if the chamber door is opened, the cycle will be aborted, as shown in FIG. 6.

Assuming V7 has closed and state 4 has been entered, the  
15 chamber heater HTØ1 is turned on, as indicated by the "1" in the column for state 4 opposite HTØ1. If the temperature within the chamber increases to a sufficient level within a time-out period, state 5 can be entered. If not, ABORT-1, state 29, is entered and a return to state 2 is thereafter  
20 made when switch S2 is depressed. A safe operating temperature is reached when temperature switch T1 (FIG. 2) is actuated by the temperature of the atmosphere in the chamber reaching the desired temperature. After this occurs, the temperature in the chamber is controlled by turning the heater  
25 on and off as required during the cycle, as indicated by the notation "C" in the columns of FIG. 7 opposite "HTØ1".

Once state 5 is entered, valve V1 is opened, in preparation for starting vacuum pump P1 so that the atmospheric contents of chamber 10 can be evacuated. Again, if valve V1 does not  
30 open within a timeout period, ABORT-1, state 29 is entered.

State 6 is entered when vacuum valve V1 opens within the timeout interval. At this point, the vacuum pump P1 is

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started and light LT13 indicates that evacuation is in process. A timer is started which determines the length of time that the pump remains on.

Once in state 6, the chamber door 11 can no longer be opened,  
5 because, at this point in the cycle, the chamber is under a vacuum.

In state 6, the pressure in the chamber is checked to determine if it has been reduced sufficiently so that it is less than or equal to a nominal value, defined as PEVAC. If  
10 the pressure is less than PEVAC, then state 7 is entered and valve V1 is closed.

Should the pressure within the chamber be greater than PEVAC after the evacuation time has passed, indicating a less than adequate vacuum level, state 29 is entered. Similarly, if  
15 valve V1 does not close within a specified time, state 29 is entered from state 7.

After the valve V1 has been closed in state 7, a leak-hold test is commenced in state 8. If the pressure after a leak-hold time is less than a nominal value PLEAK, state 9 is  
20 entered. If not, abort state 29 is entered.

In state 9, water vapor is allowed to enter the chamber, i.e., valve V6 is placed in a controlled open state, as indicated by "C" in FIG. 6, and a determination is made whether the humidity has reached a specified level in a certain time.  
25 Should a nominal humidity HNOM not be reached within the specified time, state 30, ABORT-2, will be entered. Since evacuation has been completed, light LT13 is turned off and light LT14, which indicates a FILL IN PROGRESS, is turned on. By FILL is meant the supply of non-sterilizing gases into the  
30 chamber, e.g., steam and nitrogen gas. At this point, the system enters a new point in the state diagram wherein malfunctions allow the system to return to a different abort

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state, state 30. The state of the various valves and displays for ABORT-2 (state 30) is indicated in FIG. 7.

In state 9, the humidity timer times out. If the humidity level is greater than a nominal value HNOM, state 10 is entered. Otherwise, state 30 is entered and the cycle is aborted.

In state 10, a humidity hold test is performed wherein the humidity level is monitored for a predetermined time period. If the humidity level is not maintained for the predetermined time, state 30 is entered. Otherwise, state 11 is entered. Valves V2 and V8 are opened and valve V5, along with valve V6, is then controlled on.

Valve V5 allows nitrogen to enter the system. At this point, even though valve V2 is open, chlorine dioxide cannot enter the chamber because valves V4 and V4A, which are controlled together, are closed.

In state 11, valve V2 is checked to determine that it has opened. If it has not opened within a specified time, state 30 is entered. If valve V2 has opened in time, state 12 is entered, and valves V4 and V4A are controlled on, allowing chlorine dioxide to enter the chamber. A timer is started during which time the chlorine dioxide gas concentration levels in the chamber are measured. As explained previously, chlorine dioxide may be generated by the reaction of two components,  $\text{Cl}_2$  gas and sodium chlorite,  $\text{Na}_2\text{ClO}_3$ , on site. Chlorine gas is contained in a canister which can be coupled to the system via a connecting port, as known in the art. A container of sodium chlorite is coupled into the system between valve V2 and valve V4, as shown in FIG. 2. In state 12, LT14 is turned off and LT15, STERILIZATION IN PROGRESS, is turned on.

Once the gas concentration measured in state 12 has reached a

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concentration greater than or equal to a nominal concentration CNOM within a preset time period, state 13 is entered. An acceptable sterilizing gas concentration might be, e.g., 1.0 mg/L to about 300 mg/L. Otherwise a new abort state, ABORT-3, state 31, is entered. This new abort state is necessary because new conditions are now present in the sterilization chamber, since sterilizing chlorine dioxide gas is now present in the chamber. This requires a different set of procedures to be followed in the event of a failure, and accordingly, a new abort state is provided.

In state 13, a gas-hold test is commenced. If the gas concentration is greater than or equal to CNOM for a predetermined time period GTMR, state 14 is entered. Otherwise, state 31 is entered and the cycle is aborted.

In state 14, the temperature in the chamber is measured. If it is greater than a minimum temperature TMIN but not higher than a maximum temperature TMAX, state 15 is entered and a sterilization timer is started. If the temperature is not adequate, state 31 is entered and an abort occurs. A typical operating temperature is approximately 30°C.

During state 15, sterilization is in progress. Valve V6, for humidity control, is still controlled open, and valves V4 and V4A are also controlled open. Should an alarm condition occur, e.g., if any condition changes, i.e., a valve does not remain in its proper state, state 31 is entered. State 16 is entered only after a sterilization time STMR has elapsed, which typically might be several hours.

In state 16, valves V4, V4A and V6 are closed (if they do not close in the required timeout period, state 31 is entered), valve V3 is in a controlled state and valve V8 is still open. In state 17, light LT15 is turned off and light LT16 is turned on. Light LT15 is turned off when the sterilization timer has timed out and valves V4, V4A have closed. Light LT16

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indicates that a purge is in progress. During state 17, the gases in the chamber are removed via valves V3 and V8 and detoxifier 22, labelled DUMP 22 in FIG. 2, which converts the chlorine dioxide into a harmless substance. The

5 detoxification may be accomplished as explained in the above copending patent application S.N. 601,443, by passing the evacuated chlorine dioxide gas through a reducing agent, e.g., sodium thiosulfate. The detoxified gases are removed via valve V8 by vacuum pump P1. Should valves V3 and V8 fail to

10 open within a timeout period, ABORT-3, state 31, is entered. During state 17, an evacuation timer is started which controls the amount of time during which chamber 10 is evacuated. State 18 is entered only if both valves V3 and V8 have opened in a predetermined time interval.

15 In state 18, once the evacuation timer has timed out past a time ETMR, state 19 is entered and valves V3 and V8 are closed. State 20 is entered when valves V3 and V8 close.

As shown in FIG. 6, should an alarm condition occur or should valves V3 or V8 fail to close within a specific time, state 31

20 is entered.

In state 20, valve V5 is in a controlled state. This allows nitrogen gas to enter the system as required and also prepares the system for the removal of any remaining sterilizing gases behind valve V2 via detoxifier 22 once valve V3 is reopened in

25 state 22. In state 20, the pressure is checked. If it is greater than a maximum pressure P<sub>MAX</sub>, valve V5 is closed in state 21, turning off the nitrogen supply. If the pressure is less than P<sub>MAX</sub>, a new abort state, ABORT-4, state 32, is entered.

30 In state 21, valve V5 is checked to determine that it has closed within a prescribed timeout period. If it has not, state 32 is entered and the cycle is aborted. In state 22, the remaining sterilizing gases in the system are detoxified



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via detoxifier 22 and reopened valves V3 and V8 and the gases removed. Once valves V3 and V8 have opened for a sufficient period of time, state 23 is entered but only if valves V3 and V8 have opened. In state 23, another timer, denoted the  
5 DESORB timer, is activated. This allows sterilizing gases which have been absorbed into the materials in the chamber to be removed or desorbed over a time period DTMR.

Should valves V3 and V8 fail to open, ABORT-5, state 33, is entered. In this circumstance, the operator will be  
10 instructed to manually activate valves V9 and/or V10 so that sterilizing gas can be removed from the system. The manually operable nature of valves V9 and V10 is indicated in FIG. 2 by a T above the valve symbols. If valves V9 and V10 are manually opened, state 33, ABORT-5 will automatically be  
15 entered.

If state 23 is successfully reached and the DESORB timer times out after a time DTMR, state 24 will be entered. At this point, valves V2, V3 and V8 are closed and a check is made to determine that these valves are closed. Then, state 25 is  
20 entered, during which a low-gas-hold test is performed. If the gas concentration is less than or equal to an acceptable value CMIN within a time period GHTM, state 26 is entered. An acceptable level of safety might be, for example, less than .5 ppm of chlorine dioxide. Otherwise, a dummy state 35 is  
25 entered, before a return is made to state 20 by operation of switch S2. This provides a delay time in which to open valves.

In state 25, the gain of amplifier 14g (See FIG. 3) is changed so that the amplifier is placed in a high gain mode during the  
30 measurement of chlorine dioxide gas concentration levels during evacuation. This is indicated by the "1" in state 25 opposite GC1 (gain change control). This provides more accurate measurement of concentration levels during evacuation, providing an extra degree of system safety, as

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discussed previously. Also, in state 25, a counter CNT (see RB3 of FIG. 12) is decremented. This counter forces the system to cycle through states 25, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 via state 35 for a specified number of times determined by the initial count in the counter CNT $\emptyset$ . Accordingly, state 35 will be entered whenever the concentration level CMIN has not been reached within time GHTM or if the counter CNT has not reached  $\emptyset$ . State 26 will be entered from state 25 when both the concentration is less than CMIN and CNT $\emptyset$  is  $\emptyset$ . This is provided to insure system safety in the event the concentration sensor in the sterilizing chamber should fail. By going through a number of cycles via state 35, the gas concentration will be decreased, thus insuring that, even if the concentration sensor indicates the gas concentration levels are below CMIN, the system will automatically cycle through a number of times necessary to reduce the concentration to acceptable safety levels. This is important, because if the concentration sensor failed and this additional safety feature was not provided, the system might indicate that the gas concentration level was within acceptable levels of safety although it actually might not be.

In state 26, a counter is checked which is incremented each time the system cycles at least to step 26. If, e.g., the count is less than 3, a jump is made to state 28. If greater than or equal to 3, state 27 is entered. In state 28, valve V5 is controlled on, and the count is then incremented. This allows nitrogen gas to enter the chamber.

If the cycle count is greater than or equal to 3, then state 27 is entered directly. In state 27, valves V2, V3, V4 and V8 are opened, and all remaining gas is dumped from the system and the Cl<sub>2</sub> gas in the cartridge is also dumped. Once sufficient time has elapsed, i.e., the Dump Hold time DHTM has elapsed, state 28 is entered. From state 28, the system enters state 37, during which the pressure in the chamber is monitored until it is within 5% of atmospheric pressure. At

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this point light LT17, REMOVE LOAD, is turned on. At this point, state 38 is entered, light LT11 is turned on and actuation of switch S2 enables a return to state 1. The operator will be notified to replace the gas cartridge if the  
5 system has gone through state 27.

As indicated in FIGS. 6 and 7, after ABORT states 29 and 30 are entered, a return is made to state 2 after switch S2 is depressed and state 2 conditions are set.

In ABORT state 31 a return is made to state 20 and state 20  
10 conditions are set once switch S2 is depressed. In ABORT state 32, return is made to state 19, and state 19 conditions are set. In ABORT states 33, 34, and 36, return is made to states 23, 25 and 37, respectively. If state 38 is reached, the operator receives an indication that the cycle is complete  
15 and light LT17 is turned on. To allow the chamber door to be opened, switch S2 is actuated, and state 1 is entered. If any ABORT state is reached, the appropriate failure light is illuminated. When a return is made to states 20, 23, or 26 from an ABORT state, the system then proceeds to cycle through  
20 the states which normally follow in the sequence.

#### General Software Functions

The sequencing program has already been described. Generally, software for the sterilization system controller is interrupt driven. Until an interrupt occurs a background task is always  
25 running via the main dispatching program. Upon interrupt, from any of several possible event sources, software control is passed to the appropriate interrupt handling program. This is illustrated in FIG. 9.

In FIG. 9, the main dispatching program 300 is shown. This  
30 program can also be found under this heading in the program listing attached hereto. Essentially, this program monitors for the occurrence of a timer flag indicating 50 msec, 1 sec

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or 1 minute functions must be performed. These flags are stored in the status register (STAT) 204 of FIG. 12. When a flag occurs, the program 300 jumps to the appropriate timer program 318, 300 or 322. The timer programs are performed on a priority basis such that one minute functions are performed first and 50 msec (T50) functions last.

There are four sources of interrupting events: power-up, timer, communications, and power-down. Power-up, power-down and communications are external hardware interrupts, while the timer interrupt, TMRO, is an internal hardware interrupt under program control. Except for power-up, each interrupt handling program saves the running processor context in the CPU stack before starting its task function, and the context is restored before resumption of the interrupted program. The timer interrupt handler (TMRO) sequences all other non-interrupt programming functions. As discussed, it accomplishes this by passing one or more flags (MINF 312, SECF 314, TICF 316), signifying which of the timed tasks is to run, through the STATUS register 204 of FIG. 12. The main dispatching program 300 tests the flags and will cause the selected functions to be executed as shown by 318-322. This method permits further interrupt action while lower priority functions are being completed. Some of the functions performed at one minute, one second and 50 msec (TIC) intervals are as indicated in FIG. 9 at 318, 320 and 322, respectively. The descriptions to follow will explain the tasks to be performed under each category of interrupt event in greater detail.

#### Main Dispatching Program

Essentially, the main dispatching program looks for timer flags and when one is found, calls the appropriate subroutine. See FIG. 9. The main dispatching program may be found in the attached program listing.

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Power Up

Upon power-up as shown at 310, the processor stack, register bank, and other functions must be initialized. This interrupt function does not require saving of the processor context.

- 5 Instead, previous process information will be read from the electrically reprogrammable memory SRAM 106, the clock 119 is reset and the process will resume from whichever state has been prescribed. The watchdog timer will be reset, and control will then pass back to the main dispatching program
- 10 300.

The power-up routine is found in the program listing under the program title INIT.

Power Fail

- A power fail program is preferably implemented. One
- 15 embodiment for this program, as shown in FIG. 9, stores critical memory contents at 312 into the SRAM 106, where the data will be preserved until power is restored. The power-fail interrupt may be designed to occur whenever the 5 volt logic line drops below 4.55 volts, and recovery to 4.75 volts
- 20 may be utilized for power-up. The power fail program can be found in the attached program listing.

Communications

- A communications feature (COM) may optionally be provided in the system according to the invention. The communications
- 25 program is activated every time a character is removed from a serial output buffer or enters a serial input buffer. The function of this program is to feed characters to the transmit buffer as they are sent and to remove characters from the receive buffer as they are received. Two FIFO queues may be
- 30 provided to hold the input and output data streams. The communications program tests the input and output data streams

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for the presence of termination or control characters. Flags are set in the event of termination characters. Programs, well known in the art, may be provided for processing control characters for typical serial interface devices connected to the control circuitry. For example, it may be desirable to transmit information for recording purposes over telephone lines to a printer or display device. Other programs, known in the art, can be employed to handle the standard modem control functions, e.g., RS232C commands. Hardware I/O lines may be provided for the necessary modem control signals. The communications program saves and restores the processor context.

#### Timed Functions

Timed functions in the controller occur on four levels as follows: functions triggered by the TIMERO timer (every 6250 microseconds), functions initiated every 50 milliseconds (TICS), functions started every second, and functions which run every minute. Data is exchanged between these levels through defined data areas in the microprocessor data-base, as indicated more clearly in FIG. 10. The TMRO program also accesses the input and output devices connected to the controller. The control function (CTR), which is activated every second, transmits valve commands to the upper four bits of the CTRL register when enabled by the lower four bits of the CTRL register on a bit by bit basis, as shown in FIG. 24.

As shown in FIG. 4, timer interrupts (TMRO) occur at intervals of 6250 microseconds (6.25 milliseconds). At each interrupt, the TMRO program is entered, and all timed functions are scheduled. As the basic cycle time of the processor is approximately two microseconds, 3120 instruction cycles will elapse before the next such interrupt. Some of this time is used at each timer interrupt to perform data gathering and interlock functions, e.g. the analog inputs and data inputs are read and stored in CPU internal RAM. This is indicated at

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330 in FIG. 9. Immediately following a timer interrupt the processor context will be saved in the appropriate registers. The interrupting timer, `TIMER0`, will then be reset and restarted. Program functions which are to occur at intervals of 50 msec., 1 sec., and 1 min. will be scheduled as shown at 332, by passing flags, as discussed, whenever the respective time interval has elapsed. Data inputs, status checks, and outputs are performed next. Finally, the previous program context is restored, and an interrupt return is executed. If any timed events are to occur, they will be performed in sequence by the main dispatching program. Otherwise the main dispatching program will be resumed.

The basic timer program, which is executed for each timer, is shown in the flowchart of FIG. 22. As shown, the timer is first decremented and a check is made to determine if the timer has timed out, i.e., reached a count of 0. If so, the corresponding timer flag is set in TCFL register 208 shown in FIG. 12. If not, the corresponding flag is cleared. Then the program is executed for the next timer, and once all timers have been completed, a return is then made to the main dispatching program.

The decrement timer function is shown in FIG. 23. As shown, when a timer is decremented, a flag is set in the TCFL register if the time has timed out, and the current count is then stored in the appropriate timer register 200.

#### 1. TIMER0 Timer (TMRO)

The lowest level timed function, occurring every 6250 microseconds, is initiated by the interrupt `TIMER0`. This is indicated in the uppermost portion of FIG. 10, which is a flowchart for the various timed functions. After saving the processor context, the first function of the `TMRO` interrupt program is to reset and restart the timer as indicated at 400. This is performed by a subroutine `RRT`. In FIG. 10, the

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corresponding program for implementing the desired function is indicated above the flowchart symbol, and can be found in the listing in the appendix. The TMRO program is a time-critical function. Once the timer has been restarted, all of the

5 contact inputs to the controller are read into their corresponding memory images, CCI0 - CCI3 as shown at 410 and 412. These images reside in a portion of the microcomputer memory which is bit addressable. This greatly facilitates logical processing. The subroutine for implementing this

10 function is shown in FIG. 17 and is also shown in the attached program listing as subroutine RCI. The contact output information is also located in this memory, at CCO0 - CCO3 and is indicated in FIG. 10 at 425. The interrupt program next performs a masked comparison of the contact input and output

15 status bits, using bit masks 415 also stored in this memory area. This is shown at 420. If any bits do not match their corresponding desired outputs, when masked for "don't care" conditions, an alarm condition is set by setting a bit in the STATUS register 204 (FIG. 12), as shown at 430.

20 Timeout alarms are also implemented by the TMRO program. A subroutine CSC2, as shown in FIG. 18 and the attached program listing, shows how timeouts are determined. When a timer times out, e.g., a timer for determining whether a valve has closed or opened in time, a flag will be set in the timer flag

25 register TCFL. If the setting of the flag requires an abort upon failure, e.g., if the failure of a valve to close in time is to cause an abort condition, then a flag must be set in the timer enable register TCEN. This informs the timeout alarm program that an alarm condition should be set, which will

30 cause the alarm condition to be loaded into the STATUS register. This will cause transfer to an ABORT state by the sequencing program.

Next the current contact output status is loaded from its memory image into the output contact latch by program WCO, as

35 shown at 435. Finally, as shown at 440 and 445, the current



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analog input data 445 is read (RAI), exponentially filtered (FILTER), and stored in the correct memory locations outside the bit addressable space. See FIG. 21. Eight timer interrupts take 50 milliseconds. Thus, a well-filtered analog input scan of all eight analog inputs (only four need be used for the four control loops corresponding to gas concentration, pressure, temperature and humidity) will be available each time the 50-millisecond program is entered. Therefore, every 50 msec, the RAI program obtains 64 input samples, 8 for each channel, the eight samples for each channel then being averaged to obtain a single analog value for each channel. A return is then made to the main dispatching program. The TIMERO program is summarized in the flowchart of FIG. 11.

## 2. TIC Timer (T50)

The TIC functions are those which are performed every 50 milliseconds, and include the performance of the sequencing (SEQ) program. The first function performed is that of resetting the watchdog timer as shown at 500, because if this timer is not reset in time, all valve outputs will be disabled as described with reference to FIG. 8. Next, all tick timers (TTM) are decremented at 510, their counts stored at 512, and their corresponding status flags set or cleared at 520 in register TCFL 208 of FIG. 12. The setting of the timeout flags in the TCFL register 208 (See FIG. 12) also requires that the status of a corresponding bit be determined in the Timer Counter Enable Register (TCEN) 207 by the sequencing program, as shown. In this way, if the corresponding TCEN bit is not set, this informs the controller not to enter an ABORT state when the timer flag comes on. For example, when the sterilization timer times out (approximately after 4 hours), an ABORT state should not be entered. For valve time-outs however, it is desired to abort if the timer times out and the valve has not opened or closed in time, and accordingly, the corresponding TCEN bit will be set by the sequencing program, thus allowing an alarm to be generated. If the valve closes

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in time, its corresponding TCEN bit will be disabled, and no alarm will be generated. Once the TICK timers have been decremented, the main sequencing logic 515 (SEQ), which controls the progression from one state to the next described hereinabove, is performed until it cannot progress further, due to a hold for a specified status condition not yet present. Then, the outputs are loaded into the contact output image in memory (CCO) at 530, e.g., the output data for the appropriate valves or heater to be controlled are stored in memory. Then, the TMRO program subroutine WCO will write the output images to the controlled devices on its next pass. The TIC function program is summarized in the flowchart of FIG. 13.

### 3. Second Timer (T1S)

Every second all one-second timers are decremented at step 550, the count stored at 552, and their corresponding status bits set or cleared (555). This includes the setting of flag bits (TCFL) and appropriate Timer Counter Enable bits (TCEN) depending on whether an ABORT is to occur at the occurrence of the timer flag. Finally, the control program 559 (CTR), accepting setpoints (557) from the sequencing program 515, loads the new output status for the controlled devices into the CONTROL register for subsequent loading into the contact output registers of internal RAM. During the next pass through the TMRO program, these outputs are fed to the controlled devices. As shown in FIG. 8, the timed functions occur in the order MIN, SEC and TICK. A flowchart for the one second program, T1S, is shown in FIG. 14.

As shown in FIG. 14, the first function for the one second timer program includes the clearing of the one second flag (SECF) in the STATUS register (see FIG. 12). All one second timers are then decremented, as shown in FIG. 23 and at 600 in FIG. 14. Program T1S then obtains the loop status from the sequencing program at 602, and determines if the corresponding

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- control bit in the CONTROL register 206 for the particular loop has been enabled at 604. Each loop corresponds to one of the four measured analog process variables, pressure, temperature, humidity and gas concentration. This is also shown in FIG. 24. As indicated, the lower four bits of the CONTROL register 206 correspond to the status of the four loops. If the loop is enabled, a value is determined by subtracting a measured input value, e.g., gas concentration or pressure, from a stored set point value from the sequencing program, as shown at 606. If this value is greater than 0, a corresponding one of the four upper bits in the CTRL register is set at 607. If the CTRL register bit is 0, then the corresponding CONTROL register bit is cleared, as shown at 608.
- At 610, the program gets the next loop and repeats steps A-X for that loop. Then the next two loops are obtained and steps A-X repeated sequentially for those two loops. When all four loops have been performed, a return is made to the main dispatching program.
- The interrelationship between the analog input data, set points, control register, control program (CTR), output loading program (CTL) and contact outputs CCO are shown in FIG. 24. As shown, program CTR retrieves analog input data ADI, setpoints SP and the control register (CTRL) status from memory. The new status for the control register is then determined in accordance with the flowchart of FIGS. 14 and the new status loaded into the CTRL register. Program CTL then loads the appropriate outputs for controlling the valves and heater into the appropriate contact output register in memory. During the TMRO program these outputs are then coupled to the controlled devices by the program WCO. See FIGS. 10 and 20.

#### 4. Minute Timer (T1M)

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At one-minute intervals, an optional batch time clock 119 may be updated as shown at 610. This clock may be used to initiate the display of process conditions by an appropriate printing or display device. All one-minute timers are  
5 decremented at 620, and their corresponding status bits are set or cleared at 630. The TLM program is summarized in the flowchart of FIG. 15.

A sample listing of the software for the gas sterilant system according to the invention is appended below.

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;*****
;
;  TITLE(PROGRAM FOR SC1 STERILIZATION CONTROLLER)
;
;*****

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;*****
;
;  CONSTANT DEFINITIONS
;
;*****

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;*****
MCHAN    EQU    07H    ;MAX A/D CHAN NUMBER
CHMSK    EQU    07H    ;A/D CHANNEL MASK
BNK0     EQU    00H    ;RBO
BNK1     EQU    08H    ;RB1
BNK2     EQU    10H    ;RB2
BNK3     EQU    18H    ;RB3
STATE    EQU    R6     ;CURRENT STATE
ABORT    EQU    R7     ;ABORT STATE
SSTA     EQU    0      ;SRAM OFFSET FOR STATE
SABO     EQU    2      ;SRAM OFFSET FOR ABORT
SCNT     EQU    4      ;SRAM OFFSET FOR COUNT
SMAX     EQU    38     ;MAX. VALID STATE
VDLY     EQU    8      ;VALVE DELAY (400 MSEC.)
HDLY     EQU    2      ;HEATER DELAY (2 MIN)
TVAC     EQU    30     ;EVAC TIME (30 MIN)
LKHT     EQU    5      ;LEAK HOLD TIME (5 MIN)
PVAC     EQU    242    ;EVAC PRESSURE (95% FS)
PRLK     EQU    223    ;PRESS. LEAK LIM. (80% FS)
HUNT     EQU    30     ;HUMIDIF. TIME (30 MIN.)
HNOM     EQU    207    ;NOM. HUM. LEVEL (81% FS)
HUMH     EQU    90     ;HUM. HOLD TIME (90 MIN.)
TLOW     EQU    0      ;MIN. STERIL. TEMP.(0% FS)
THAX     EQU    255    ;MAX. STERIL. TEMP.(100%)
CNCT     EQU    15     ;CONC. TIME (15 MIN.)
CNOM     EQU    64     ;NOM. STERIL. CONC.
CONH     EQU    100    ;GAS HOLD TIME (100 MIN)
TSTR     EQU    200    ;STERIL. TIME (200 MIN)
TEVC     EQU    30     ;EVAC. TIME (30 MIN.)
PN2T     EQU    15     ;N2 PRESS. TIME (15 MIN)
DSRB     EQU    30     ;DESORB. TIME (30 MIN)
TLGH     EQU    15     ;LOW GAS HOLD TIME (15)
CNTM     EQU    5      ;MIN. NO. OF PURGE CYCLES
CHIN     EQU    25     ;MIN. CONCENTRATION (10%)
PATH     EQU    12     ;ATH PRESS. (5% FS)
PMAH     EQU    28     ;MAX OPER. PRESS. (11% FS)
TDMP     EQU    15     ;DUMP HOLD TIME (15 MIN)
PSP1     EQU    60     ;PRESSURE SETPOINT
TSP1     EQU    60     ;TEMPERATURE SETPOINT
HSP1     EQU    60     ;HUMIDITY SETPOINT
CSP1     EQU    60     ;CONCENTRATION SETPOINT
;
;
;*****

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*****
;*      EXTERNAL DEVICE ADDRESSES
;*
*****
;*      EXTERNAL SHADOW RAM
SRAM      XDATA      2000H                      ;SHADOW RAM ADDRESS
;
;*      ANALOG INPUTS
IN0      XDATA      6000H                      ;CHAN-0 ADDRESS (PRESS.)
IN1      XDATA      6001H                      ;CHAN-1 ADDRESS (TEMP.)
IN2      XDATA      6002H                      ;CHAN-2 ADDRESS (HUM.)
IN3      XDATA      6003H                      ;CHAN-3 ADDRESS (CONC.)
IN4      XDATA      6004H                      ;CHAN-4 ADDRESS
IN5      XDATA      6005H                      ;CHAN-5 ADDRESS
IN6      XDATA      6006H                      ;CHAN-6 ADDRESS
IN7      XDATA      6007H                      ;CHAN-7 ADDRESS
;
;*      CLOCK PORT
CLK      XDATA      4000H                      ;CLOCK ADDRESS
;
;*      CONTACT INPUTS
X0      XDATA      0C000H                      ;CCI-0 ADDRESS
X1      XDATA      0C001H                      ;CCI-1 ADDRESS
X2      XDATA      0C002H                      ;CCI-2 ADDRESS
X3      XDATA      0C003H                      ;CCI-3 ADDRESS
;
;*      SWITCHES
SW1      XDATA      0C004H                      ;SWITCH ADDRESS
;
;*      CONTACT OUTPUTS
Y0      XDATA      0E000H                      ;CCO-0 ADDRESS
Y1      XDATA      0E001H                      ;CCO-1 ADDRESS
Y2      XDATA      0E002H                      ;CCO-2 ADDRESS
Y3      XDATA      0E003H                      ;CCO-3 ADDRESS
;
;*      WATCHDOG TIMER
UDT      XDATA      0E004H                      ;WATCHDOG RESET ADDRESS

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 ;\* DATA-BASE ALLOCATIONS  
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	DSEG		
	ORG	05H	
TICK	DS	1	;TIME COUNTERS
TSEC	DS	1	;TICK COUNT
TMIN	DS	1	;SEC. COUNT
	ORG	0CH	;MIN. COUNT
RPUT	DS	1	;SIO BUFFER POINTERS
RTAK	DS	1	;RCV PUT POINTER
TPUT	DS	1	;RCV TAKE POINTER
TTAK	DS	1	;XMT PUT POINTER
	ORG	18H	;XMT TAKE POINTER
TTMO	DS	1	;TIC TIMERS
TTM1	DS	1	;TTIMER-0
	ORG	1AH	;TTIMER-1
STMO	DS	1	;SECOND TIMERS
STM1	DS	1	;STIMER-0
	ORG	1CH	;STIMER-1
MTMO	DS	1	;MINUTE TIMERS
MTM1	DS	1	;MTIMER-0
	ORG	1EH	;MTIMER-1
CNT0	DS	1	;COUNTERS
CNT1	DS	1	;COUNTR-0
	BSEG		;COUNTR-1
	ORG	20H	
STAT	DATA	20H	;INTERNAL BIT SPACE
CTRL	DATA	21H	;STATUS BYTE
TCEN	DATA	22H	;CONTROL BYTE
TCFL	DATA	23H	;TIMER/COUNTER ENABLES
MSK0	DATA	24H	;TIMER/COUNTER FLAGS
MSK1	DATA	25H	;OUTPUT MASK REGISTER
MSK2	DATA	26H	;OUTPUT MASK REGISTER
MSK3	DATA	27H	;OUTPUT MASK REGISTER
	ORG	28H	;OUTPUT MASK REGISTER
CC00	DATA	28H	;IMAGED I/O BITS
CC01	DATA	29H	;OUTPUT PORT 1
CC02	DATA	2AH	;OUTPUT PORT 1
CC03	DATA	2BH	;OUTPUT PORT 2
CC10	DATA	2CH	;OUTPUT PORT 3
CC11	DATA	2DH	;INPUT PORT 0
CC12	DATA	2EH	;INPUT PORT 1
CC13	DATA	2FH	;INPUT PORT 2
	DSEG		;INPUT PORT 3
	ORG	30H	
AD10	DS	1	;ANALOG DATA IMAGE
AD11	DS	1	;PRESS. INPUT
AD12	DS	1	;TEMP. INPUT
AD13	DS	1	;HUM. INPUT
AD14	DS	1	;CONC. INPUT
AD15	DS	1	;CHANNEL 4 INPUT
AD16	DS	1	;CHANNEL 5 INPUT
AD17	DS	1	;CHANNEL 6 INPUT
			;CHANNEL 7 INPUT

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STP0	ORG	38H	; INTERNAL DATA AREA ; PRESS. SETPOINT ; TEMP. SETPOINT ; HUM. SETPOINT ; CONC. SETPOINT ; BATCH TIME CLOCK ; BATCH TIME
STP1	DS	1	
STP2	DS	1	
STP3	DS	1	
	DS	1	
TIME	ORG	3CH	
:	DS	1	



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*****
;
;      DATA DEFINITIONS
;
;      [STATUS & CONTROL]
;
*****
;
;      STATUS
;
TICF  BIT      STAT.0      ;TICK FLAG
SECF  BIT      STAT.1      ;SECOND FLAG
MINF  BIT      STAT.3      ;MINUTE FLAG
RCVF  BIT      STAT.4      ;RCV FLAG
XMTF  BIT      STAT.5      ;XMT FLAG
THOF  BIT      STAT.6      ;TIMEOUT FLAG
ALMF  BIT      STAT.7      ;ALARM FLAG
;
;      CTRL
;
CENO  BIT      CTRL.0      ;PRESS. LOOP ENABLE
CEN1  BIT      CTRL.1      ;TEMP. LOOP ENABLE
CEN2  BIT      CTRL.2      ;HUM. LOOP ENABLE
CEN3  BIT      CTRL.3      ;CONC. LOOP ENABLE
CTRO  BIT      CTRL.4      ;PRESS. LOOP OUTPUT
CTR1  BIT      CTRL.5      ;TEMP. LOOP OUTPUT
CTR2  BIT      CTRL.6      ;HUM. LOOP OUTPUT
CTR3  BIT      CTRL.7      ;CONC. LOOP OUTPUT
;
;      TCEN
;
TEN0  BIT      TCEN.0      ;TTO ENABLE
TEN1  BIT      TCEN.1      ;TT1 ENABLE
TEN2  BIT      TCEN.2      ;STO ENABLE
TEN3  BIT      TCEN.3      ;ST1 ENABLE
TEN4  BIT      TCEN.4      ;HTO ENABLE
TEN5  BIT      TCEN.5      ;HT1 ENABLE
TEN6  BIT      TCEN.6      ;MT2 ENABLE
TEN7  BIT      TCEN.7      ;MT3 ENABLE
;
;      TCFL
;
TFLO  BIT      TCFL.0      ;TTO TIMEOUT
TFL1  BIT      TCFL.1      ;TT1 TIMEOUT
TFL2  BIT      TCFL.2      ;STO TIMEOUT
TFL3  BIT      TCFL.3      ;ST1 TIMEOUT
TFL4  BIT      TCFL.4      ;HTO TIMEOUT
TFL5  BIT      TCFL.5      ;HT1 TIMEOUT
TFL6  BIT      TCFL.6      ;CTO UNDERFLOW
TFL7  BIT      TCFL.7      ;CT1 UNDERFLOW
;

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*****
;*
;*      DATA DEFINITIONS
;*
;*      [OUTPUT PORTS]
;*
*****
;
;      OPORT_0
;
LT01      BIT      CC00.0      ; DOOR-OPEN
LT02      BIT      CC00.1      ; EVAC-FAIL
LT03      BIT      CC00.2      ; FILL-FAIL
LT04      BIT      CC00.3      ; STERIL-FAIL
LT05      BIT      CC00.4      ; PURGE-FAIL
LT06      BIT      CC00.5      ; LOAD-UNSTERILE
LT07      BIT      CC00.6      ; SPARE
LT08      BIT      CC00.7      ; TEST-FAIL
;
;
;      OPORT-1
;
LT11      BIT      CC01.0      ; READY-FOR-CYCLE
LT12      BIT      CC01.1      ; CYCLE-IN-PROGRESS
LT13      BIT      CC01.2      ; EVAC-IN-PROGRESS
LT14      BIT      CC01.3      ; FILL-IN-PROGRESS
LT15      BIT      CC01.4      ; STERIL-IN-PROGRESS
LT16      BIT      CC01.5      ; PURGE-IN-PROGRESS
LT17      BIT      CC01.6      ; REMOVE-LOAD
LT18      BIT      CC01.7      ; SPARE
;
;
;      OPORT_2
;
VV01      BIT      CC02.0      ; OPEN-MAIN-VAC-VALVE
VV02      BIT      CC02.1      ; OPEN-MAIN-GAS-VALVE
VV03      BIT      CC02.2      ; OPEN-MAIN-DUMP-VALVE
VV04      BIT      CC02.3      ; OPEN-GAS-CTRL-VALVE
VV05      BIT      CC02.4      ; OPEN-N2-CTRL-VALVE
VV06      BIT      CC02.5      ; OPEN-STEAM-CTRL-VALVE
VV07      BIT      CC02.6      ; OPEN-BREAK-VALVE
VV08      BIT      CC02.7      ; OPEN-DUMP-VAC-VALVE
;
;
;      OPORT_3
;
PP01      BIT      CC03.0      ; TURN-P1-ON
HT01      BIT      CC03.1      ; TURN-H1-ON
SPR1      BIT      CC03.2      ; SPARE
SPR2      BIT      CC03.3      ; SPARE
SPR3      BIT      CC03.4      ; SPARE
SPR4      BIT      CC03.5      ; SPARE
ADZC      BIT      CC03.6      ; A/D ZERO CALIB.
LGG1      BIT      CC03.7      ; CONC. HIGH GAIN SWITCH

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*****
;
; DATA DEFINITIONS
;
; [INPUT PORTS]
;
*****
;
; IPORT_0
LSC1 BIT CCI0.0 ;V1-CLOSED
LSC2 BIT CCI0.1 ;V2-CLOSED
LSC3 BIT CCI0.2 ;V3-CLOSED
LSC4 BIT CCI0.3 ;V4-CLOSED
LSC5 BIT CCI0.4 ;V5-CLOSED
LSC6 BIT CCI0.5 ;V6-CLOSED
LSC7 BIT CCI0.6 ;V7-CLOSED
LSC8 BIT CCI0.7 ;V8-CLOSED
;
; IPORT_1
LS01 BIT CCI1.0 ;V1-OPEN
LS02 BIT CCI1.1 ;V2-OPEN
LS03 BIT CCI1.2 ;V3-OPEN
LS04 BIT CCI1.3 ;V4-OPEN
LS05 BIT CCI1.4 ;V5-OPEN
LS06 BIT CCI1.5 ;V6-OPEN
LS07 BIT CCI1.6 ;V7-OPEN
LS08 BIT CCI1.7 ;V8-OPEN
;
; IPORT_2
DSC1 BIT CCI2.0 ;DOOR-SW-CLOSED
TSC1 BIT CCI2.1 ;TEMP-SW-CLOSED
SUC1 BIT CCI2.2 ;MAN-SW1-CLOSED
SUC2 BIT CCI2.3 ;MAN-SW2-CLOSED
SI01 BIT CCI2.4 ;SPARE
SI02 BIT CCI2.5 ;SPARE
SI03 BIT CCI2.6 ;SPARE
SI04 BIT CCI2.7 ;SPARE
;
; IPORT_3
SI05 BIT CCI3.0 ;SPARE
SI06 BIT CCI3.1 ;SPARE
SI07 BIT CCI3.2 ;SPARE
SI08 BIT CCI3.3 ;SPARE
SI09 BIT CCI3.4 ;SPARE
SI10 BIT CCI3.5 ;SPARE
SI11 BIT CCI3.6 ;SPARE
SI12 BIT CCI3.7 ;SPARE
;

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;*****
;*      MASK BIT DEFINITIONS
;*
;*****
;      MASK-REG-0
MVC1    BIT      MSK0.0      ;V1-CLOSED-MASK
MVC2    BIT      MSK0.1      ;V2-CLOSED-MASK
MVC3    BIT      MSK0.2      ;V3-CLOSED-MASK
MVC4    BIT      MSK0.3      ;V4-CLOSED-MASK
MVC5    BIT      MSK0.4      ;V5-CLOSED-MASK
MVC6    BIT      MSK0.5      ;V6-CLOSED-MASK
MVC7    BIT      MSK0.6      ;V7-CLOSED-MASK
MVC8    BIT      MSK0.7      ;V8-CLOSED-MASK
;
;      MASK-REG-1
MVO1    BIT      MSK1.0      ;V1-OPEN-MASK
MVO2    BIT      MSK1.1      ;V2-OPEN-MASK
MVO3    BIT      MSK1.2      ;V3-OPEN-MASK
MVO4    BIT      MSK1.3      ;V4-OPEN-MASK
MVO5    BIT      MSK1.4      ;V5-OPEN-MASK
MVO6    BIT      MSK1.5      ;V6-OPEN-MASK
MVO7    BIT      MSK1.6      ;V7-OPEN-MASK
MVO8    BIT      MSK1.7      ;V8-OPEN-MASK
;
;      MASK-REG-2
MDC1    BIT      MSK2.0      ;DS-CLOSED-MASK
MTC1    BIT      MSK2.1      ;TS-CLOSED-MASK
MSC1    BIT      MSK2.2      ;SU1-CLOSED-MASK
MSC2    BIT      MSK2.3      ;SU2-CLOSED-MASK
;

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*****
;*      INTERRUPT VECTORS
;*
*****
CSEG
RSTV:  ORG      0000H
        LJMP     INIT                      ;RESET VECTOR
;
TINT:  ORG      000BH
        LJMP     TMRO                      ;TIMER0 VECTOR
;
PINT:  ORG      0013H
        LJMP     PURF                      ;PWR FAIL VECTOR
;
TM1V:  ORG      001BH
        RETI                      ;TIMER1 VECTOR
;
SIOV:  ORG      0023H
        LJMP     SIOHND                    ;SERIAL DATA VECTOR
;
*****
;      POWER FAIL HANDLER
;
*****
PURF:  CLR      P1.6                      ;STORE SRAM DATA
        SETB     P1.6                      ;DISABLE STORE
        RETI                      ;INTERRUPT RETURN
;
```

## TIMER INTERRUPT HANDLER

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ORG          0030H
THRO:        PUSH    PSU           ;SAVE PROC. STATUS
              PUSH    ACC         ;SAVE ACCUMULATOR
              PUSH    DPL         ;SAVE DP(L)
              PUSH    DPH         ;SAVE DP(H)
              MOV     PSU,#BNKO   ;USE RBO
              CLR     EA          ;DISABLE INTERRUPTS
              ACALL   RRT         ;RESET AND RESTART TIMERS
              ACALL   RCI         ;READ CONTACT INPUTS
              ACALL   CSC         ;CONTACT STATUS CHECK
              ACALL   UCO         ;WRITE CONTACT OUTPUTS
              ACALL   RAI         ;READ ANALOG INPUTS
              SETB    EA          ;RESTORE INTERRUPTS
TRTN:        POP     DPH         ;RESTORE DP(H)
              POP     DPL         ;RESTORE DP(L)
              POP     ACC         ;RESTORE ACCUMULATOR
              POP     PSU         ;RESTORE PROC. STATUS
              RETI                ;RETURN FROM TIMER0 INT.
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*****
;*      TMRO SUBROUTINES
;*
*****
RRT:    CLR      TRO          ;STOP TIMERO
        MOV      A,#LOW(-3120+7) ;LOAD COUNT(L)
        ADD      A,TLO        ;CORRECT FOR OVERRUN
        MOV      TLO,A        ;RELOAD COUNTER(L)
        MOV      A,#HIGH(-3120+7) ;REPEAT FOR COUNT(H)
        ADDC     A,THO        ;GET CORRECTED HIGH BYTE
        MOV      THO,A        ;LOAD COUNTER(H)
        SETB     TRO          ;RESTART TIMER
CLOCK:  DJNZ     TICK,CLK3     ;IF 50-MSEC
        MOV      TICK,#8      ; RELOAD TICK COUNT
        SETB     TIFC         ; SET 50-MSEC FLAG
        DJNZ     TSEC,CLK2     ; IF 1-SEC
        MOV      TSEC,#20     ; RELOAD TSEC COUNT
        SETB     SECF         ; SET 1-SEC FLAG
        DJNZ     THIN,CLK1     ; IF 1-MIN
        MOV      THIN,#60     ; RELOAD THIN COUNT
        SETB     MINF         ; SET 1-MIN FLAG
        SJMP     CLK4         ; END
CLK1:   CLR      MINF         ; ELSE, CLR MIN. FLAG
        SJMP     CLK4         ; END
CLK2:   CLR      SECF         ; ELSE, CLR SEC. FLAG
        SJMP     CLK4         ; END
CLK3:   CLR      TIFC        ;ELSE, CLR TIC. FLAG
CLK4:   NOP          ; END
        RET              ;RETURN FROM TIMER PROG.

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RCI:      MOV      DPTR,#X0
          MOV      R0,#CC10
          MOV      R4,#4
CI1:      CLR      P1.4
          MOVX     A,@DPTR
          SETB     P1.4
          MOV      @R0,A
          INC      DPTR
          INC      R0
          DJNZ     R4,C11
          RET

;
CSC:      CLR      ALMF
          MOV      A,CC02
          XRL      A,CC11
          ANL      A,MSK1
          MOV      R2,A
          MOV      A,CC02
          CPL      A
          XRL      A,CC10
          ANL      A,MSK0
          ORL      A,R2
          JZ       CSC2
          SETB     ALMF
CSC2:     NOP
          MOV      A,TCFL
          ANL      A,TCEN
          JZ       CSC4
          SETB     THOF
          SJMP     CSC5
CSC4:     CLR      THOF
CSC5:     NOP
          RET

;
UCO:      MOV      DPTR,#Y0
          MOV      R0,#CC00
          MOV      R4,#4
          MOV      A,@R0
          CPL      A
          CLR      P1.4
          MOVX     @DPTR,A
          SETB     P1.4
          INC      DPTR
          INC      R0
          DJNZ     R4,C01
          RET

          ;POINT CONTACT INPUTS
          ;POINT DATA-BASE IMAGE
          ;FOR R4:=4 DOWNT0 0 DO
          ;  ENABLE I/O
          ;  GET INPUT
          ;  DISABLE I/O
          ;  STORE IT IN DATA-BASE
          ;  POINT NEXT INPUT
          ;  POINT NEXT STORAGE
          ;  END
          ;RETURN

          ;CLEAR ALARM FLAG
          ;GET VALVE OUTPUTS
          ;COMPARE WITH LSO INPUTS
          ;MASK OFF VO DON'T CARES
          ;SAVE PARTIAL RESULT
          ;GET VALVE OUTPUTS
          ;MAKE CLOSED NORMAL
          ;COMPARE WITH LSC INPUTS
          ;MASK OFF VC DON'T CARES
          ;ADD PREV. RESULT
          ;  IF MISMATCH
          ;    SET ALARM FLAG
          ;    END
          ;GET TIMEOUTS
          ;TEST IF ENABLED
          ;IF (TMO.AND.TEN)
          ;  SET TIMEOUT FLAG
          ;  END
          ;ELSE, CLEAR TIMEOUT FLAG
          ;  END
          ;RETURN

          ;POINT CONTACT OUTPUTS
          ;POINT DATA-BASE IMAGE
          ;FOR R4:=4 DOWNT0 0 DO
          ;  GET OUTPUT DATA
          ;  INVERT IT FOR OUTPUT
          ;  ENABLE I/O
          ;  LOAD OUTPUT LATCH
          ;  DISABLE I/O
          ;  POINT NEXT OUTPUT
          ;  POINT NEXT DATA
          ;  END
          ;RETURN

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RAI:    MOV    DPTR,#INO
        MOV    RO,#ADIO
        MOV    R4,#8
RAI:    CLR    P1.4
        MOVX   A,@DPTR
        SETB   P1.4
        ACALL  FILTER
        MOV    @RO,A
        INC    DPTR
        INC    RO
        DJNZ   R4,RAI
        RET

;
; FILTER:
;
; FILTER:  MOV    B,#020H
;          MUL    AB
;          PUSH   B
;          PUSH   ACC
;          MOV    B,#0E0H
;          MOV    A,@RO
;          MUL    AB
;          MOV    R2,B
;          POP    B
;          ADD    A,B
;          XCH    A,R2
;          POP    B
;          ADDC   A,B
;          RET

; POINT FIRST ANALOG CHAN.
; POINT FIRST ANALOG DATA
; FOR R4:=8 DOWNT0 0 DO
;   ENABLE I/O
;   GET ANALOG DATA
;   DISABLE I/O
;   FILTER ANALOG DATA
;   LOAD IT INTO DATA BASE
;   POINT NEXT CHANNEL
;   POINT NEXT DATA
;   END
; RETURN

; LOAD FILT. CONST. CB
; B,A:=0.125*R(I)
; SAVE PROD(H)
; SAVE PROD(L)
; LOAD (1-CB) CONST.
; GET X(I-1)
; B,A:=0.875*X(I-1)
; SAVE HIGH BYTE
; LOAD PROD(L)
; ADD LOW BYTES
; GET HIGH BYTE
; LOAD PROD(H)
; A,R2 IS FILTERED DATA
; RETURN

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*****
;
;   SCHEDULED TIME FUNCTIONS
;
*****
T50:  CLR      TICF      ;CLEAR TICK FLAG
      MOV      PSU,#BNK2 ;USE RB2
      ACALL    RWT       ;RESET WATCHDOG TIMER
      ACALL    DTT       ;DECREMENT TICK TIMERS
      ACALL    SEQ       ;PERFORM SEQUENCE LOGIC
      ACALL    CTL       ;LOAD CONTROL OUTPUTS
      RET      ;RETURN TO DISPATCHING

;
T1K:  CLR      SECF      ;CLEAR 1-SEC FLAG
      MOV      PSU,#BNK2 ;USE RB2
      ACALL    DST       ;DECREMENT SECOND TIMERS
      ACALL    CTR       ;PERFORM CONTROL ACTIONS
      RET

;
T1M:  CLR      MINF      ;CLEAR 1-MIN FLAG
      MOV      PSU,#BNK2 ;USE RB2
      ACALL    UBC       ;UPDATE BATCH CLOCK
      ACALL    DMT       ;DECREMENT MINUTE TIMERS
      RET
;
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RWT:      MOV      DPTR,#UDT
          CLR      A
          CLR      P1.4
          MOVX     @DPTR,A
          SETB     P1.4
          RET

          ;POINT WATCHDOG TIMER
          ;CLEAR ACCUMULATOR
          ;ENABLE I/O
          ;RESET WATCHDOG TIMER
          ;DISABLE I/O

;
UBC:      MOV      RO,#TIME
          CLR      C
          XCH      A,#0
          INC      A
          XCH      A,#0
          INC      RO
          XCH      A,#0
          ADDC     A,#0
          XCH      A,#0
          RET

          ;POINT TIME(L)
          ;CLEAR CARRY
          ;GET TIME(L)
          ;INCREMENT IT
          ;UPDATE TIME(L)
          ;POINT TIME(H)
          ;GET TIME(H)
          ;PROPAGATE CARRY
          ;UPDATE TIME(H)

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*****
;*      CONTROL CALCULATIONS
;*
*****
CTR:    MOV      RO, #STP0      ;POINT SETPOINT.
        MOV      R1, #AD10     ;POINT DATA
        CLR      C              ;CLEAR CARRY
        MOV      A, @R0         ;GET PRESS: SETPOINT
        SUBB     A, @R1         ;SUBTRACT MEAS. PRESS.
        JNC      CT2           ;IF MV>SP
        SETB     CTR0           ; INCREASE OUTPUT
        SJMP     CT3           ; END
CT2:    CLR      CTR0
CT3:    NOP
        INC      RO            ;ELSE, DECR. OUTPUT
        INC      R1            ; END
        CLR      C              ;POINT NEXT SETPOINT
        MOV      A, @R0         ;POINT NEXT MEASUREMENT
        SUBB     A, @R1         ;CLEAR CARRY
        JNC      CT4           ;GET TEMP. SETPOINT
        CLR      CTR1          ;SUBTRACT MEAS. TEMP.
        SJMP     CT5           ;IF MV>SP
CT4:    SETB     CTR1           ; DECREASE OUTPUT
CT5:    NOP
        INC      RO            ; END
        INC      R1            ;ELSE, INCR. OUTPUT
        CLR      C              ; END
        MOV      A, @R0         ;POINT NEXT SETPOINT
        SUBB     A, @R1         ;POINT NEXT MEASUREMENT
        JNC      CT6           ;CLEAR CARRY
        CLR      CTR2          ;GET HUM. SETPOINT
        SJMP     CT7           ;SUBTRACT HUM. MEAS.
CT6:    SETB     CTR2           ;IF MV>SP
CT7:    NOP
        INC      RO            ; DECREASE OUTPUT
        INC      R1            ; END
        CLR      C              ;ELSE, INCREASE OUTPUT
        MOV      A, @R0         ;POINT NEXT SETPOINT
        SUBB     A, @R1         ;POINT NEXT MEASUREMENT
        JNC      CT8           ;CLEAR CARRY
        CLR      CTR3          ;GET CONC. SETPOINT
        SJMP     CT9           ;SUBTRACT CONC. MEAS.
CT8:    SETB     CTR3           ;IF MV>SP
CT9:    NOP
        RET                   ; DECREASE OUTPUT
                                ; END
                                ;ELSE, INCR. OUTPUT
                                ; END
                                ;RETURN

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*****
;*      SOFTWARE TICK TIMERS (50 MSEC)
;*
*****
DTT:  MOV      RO,#TTMO          ;POINT FIRST TICK TIMER
      MOV      A,@RO            ;GET LAST COUNT
      JZ       TT1              ;IF COUNT<>0
      DEC      A                ; DECREMENT ACC.
      MOV      @RO,A            ; UPDATE COUNT
      JZ       TT1              ; IF NOT TIMEOUT
      CLR      TFL0             ; CLEAR FLAG
      SJMP     TT2              ; END
TT1:  SETB     TFL0              ; ELSE, SET FLAG
TT2:  NOP
;
      MOV      RO,#TTM1          ;POINT SECOND TICK TIMER
      MOV      A,@RO            ;GET LAST COUNT
      JZ       TT4              ;IF COUNT<>0
      DEC      A                ; DECREMENT ACC.
      MOV      @RO,A            ; UPDATE COUNT
      JZ       TT4              ; IF NOT TIMEOUT
      CLR      TFL1             ; CLEAR FLAG
      SJMP     TT5              ; END
TT4:  SETB     TFL1              ; ELSE, SET FLAG
TT5:  NOP
      RET                      ;RETURN
;
*****
;*      SOFTWARE SECOND TIMERS
;*
*****
DST:  MOV      RO,#STMO          ;POINT FIRST SEC. TIMER
      MOV      A,@RO            ;GET LAST COUNT
      JZ       ST1              ;IF COUNT<>0
      DEC      A                ; DECREMENT ACC.
      MOV      @RO,A            ; UPDATE COUNT
      JZ       ST1              ; IF NOT TIMEOUT
      CLR      TFL2             ; CLEAR FLAG
      SJMP     ST2              ; END
ST1:  SETB     TFL2              ; ELSE, SET FLAG
ST2:  NOP
;
      MOV      RO,#STM1          ;POINT NEXT SECOND TIMER
      MOV      A,@RO            ;GET LAST COUNT
      JZ       ST4              ;IF COUNT<>0
      DEC      A                ; DECREMENT ACC.
      MOV      @RO,A            ; UPDATE COUNT
      JZ       ST4              ; IF NOT TIMEOUT
      CLR      TFL3             ; CLEAR FLAG
      SJMP     ST5              ; END
ST4:  SETB     TFL3              ; ELSE, SET FLAG
ST5:  NOP
      RET                      ;RETURN
;

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*****
;*      SOFTWARE MINUTE TIMERS
;*
*****
DNT:    MOV        RO,#MTM0                ;POINT FIRST MIN. TIMER
        MOV        A,@RO                  ;GET LAST COUNT
        JZ         MT1                    ;IF COUNT<>0
        DEC        A                      ; DECREMENT ACC.
        MOV        @RO,A                  ; UPDATE COUNT
        JZ         MT1                    ; IF NOT TIMEOUT
        CLR        TFL4                   ; CLEAR FLAG
        SJMP       MT2                    ; END
MT1:    SETB       TFL4                    ; ELSE, SET FLAG
MT2:    NOP
;
        MOV        RO,#MTM1                ;POINT SECOND MIN. TIMER
        MOV        A,@RO                  ;GET LAST COUNT
        JZ         MT4                    ;IF COUNT<>0
        DEC        A                      ; DECREMENT ACC.
        MOV        @RO,A                  ; UPDATE COUNT
        JZ         MT4                    ; IF NOT TIMEOUT
        CLR        TFL5                   ; CLEAR FLAG
        SJMP       MT5                    ; END
MT4:    SETB       TFL5                    ; ELSE, SET FLAG
MT5:    NOP
        RET                                ; RETURN
*****
;*      SOFTWARE COUNTERS
;*
*****
DCT0:   MOV        RO,#CNT0                ;POINT FIRST COUNTER
        MOV        A,@RO                  ;GET LAST COUNT
        JZ         DC1                    ;IF COUNT<>0
        DEC        A                      ; DECREMENT ACC.
        MOV        @RO,A                  ; UPDATE COUNT
        JZ         DC1                    ; IF NOT ZERO
        CLR        TFL6                   ; CLEAR FLAG
        SJMP       DC2                    ; END
DC1:    SETB       TFL6                    ; ELSE, SET FLAG
DC2:    NOP
        RET                                ; RETURN
;
DCT1:   MOV        RO,#CNT1                ;POINT SECOND COUNTER
        MOV        A,@RO                  ;GET LAST COUNT
        JZ         DC3                    ;IF COUNT<>0
        DEC        A                      ; DECREMENT ACC.
        MOV        @RO,A                  ; UPDATE COUNT
        JZ         DC3                    ; IF NOT ZERO
        CLR        TFL7                   ; CLEAR FLAG
        SJMP       DC4                    ; END
DC3:    SETB       TFL7                    ; ELSE, SET FLAG
DC4:    NOP
        RET                                ; RETURN
;

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*****
;*      CONTROL OUTPUTS
;*
*****
CTL:   MOV      C,CTR0           ;GET OUTPUT-0
      ANL      C,CEN0           ;ALLOW IF ENABLED
      MOV      VV05,C           ;OUTPUT TO V5
;
      MOV      C,CTR1           ;GET OUTPUT-1
      ANL      C,CEN1           ;ALLOW IF ENABLED
      MOV      HT01,C           ;OUTPUT TO H1
;
      MOV      C,CTR2           ;GET OUTPUT-2
      ANL      C,CEN2           ;ALLOW IF ENABLED
      MOV      VV06,C           ;OUTPUT TO V6
;
      MOV      C,CTR3           ;GET OUTPUT-3
      ANL      C,CEN3           ;ALLOW IF ENABLED
      MOV      VV04,C           ;OUTPUT TO V4
;
      RET
;
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;*****
;*      POWER-ON INITIALIZATION
;*
;*****
INIT:  MOV      SP,#060H      ;INITIALIZE STACK POINTER
      MOV      PSU,#BNKO     ;USE RBO
      CLR      A             ;CLEAR ACCUMULATOR
      MOV      R0,#2         ;POINT LOWEST RAM LOC.
      MOV      R1,#126      ;FOR R1:=126 DOWNT0 0 DO
ILP:   MOV      @R0,A        ; CLEAR MEMORY LOC.
      INC      R0           ; POINT NEXT LOCATION
      DJNZ     R1,ILP       ; END
      MOV      TICK,#8      ;INITIALIZE TICK COUNT
      MOV      TSEC,#20     ;INITIALIZE SEC. COUNT
      MOV      THIN,#60     ;INITIALIZE MIN. COUNT
      MOV      PSU,#BNK1    ;USE RB1
      MOV      RPUT,#40H    ;INITIALIZE RPUT POINTER
      MOV      RTAK,#40H    ;INITIALIZE RTAK POINTER
      MOV      TPUT,#50H    ;INITIALIZE TPUT POINTER
      MOV      TTAK,#50H    ;INITIALIZE TTAK POINTER
      MOV      PSU,#BNK2    ;USE RB2
      MOV      STATE,#0     ;STATE:=0
      MOV      ABORT,#0     ;ABORT:=0
      MOV      SCON,#052H   ;SET SERIAL PORT BITS
      MOV      TMOD,#061H   ;SET TIMER MODES
      MOV      87H,#00H     ;SET SMOD:=0 IN PCON
      MOV      IP,#002H     ;SET INTERRUPT PRIORITIES
      MOV      IE,#096H     ;ENABLE INTERRUPTS
      MOV      TLO,#LOW(-3120) ;LOAD COUNT(L)
      MOV      TH0,#HIGH(-3120) ;LOAD COUNT(H)
      MOV      TH1,#-13     ;SET BAUD RATE (1200)
      MOV      A,#0FFH     ;SET ACCUM. ALL 1'S
      CLR      P1.4         ;ENABLE I/O
      MOV      DPTR,#Y0     ;POINT Y0 OUTPUTS
      MOVX     @DPTR,A      ;CLEAR Y0
      MOV      DPTR,#Y1     ;POINT Y1 OUTPUTS
      MOVX     @DPTR,A      ;CLEAR Y1
      MOV      DPTR,#Y2     ;POINT Y2 OUTPUTS
      MOVX     @DPTR,A      ;CLEAR Y2
      MOV      DPTR,#Y3     ;POINT Y3 OUTPUTS
      MOVX     @DPTR,A      ;CLEAR Y3
      SETB     P1.4         ;DISABLE I/O
      ACALL    RUT          ;RESET WATCHDOG TIMER
      MOV      TIME,#0      ;CLEAR TIME(L)
      MOV      TIME+1,#0    ;CLEAR TIME(H)
      SETB     TR1          ;START BAUD CLOCK
      SETB     TR0          ;START TIMER
      SJMP     MAIN         ;START MAIN PROGRAM

;
TEST:  RET                  ;TEST COMPUTER FUNCTIONS

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;*****
;*          SEQUENCING PROGRAM
;*
;*****
SEQ:      NOP                                ;REPEAT
          MOV          PSU,#BNK2            ; USE RB2
          MOV          A,STATE              ; GET CURRENT STATE
          ADD          A,#NOT(SMAX)         ; COMPARE MAX. STATE
          JNC          SQ1                  ; IF INVALID STATE
          MOV          A,#31                ; TAKE STATE #31
          MOV          STATE,A              ; SET STATE TO #31
          SJMP         SQ2                  ; END
SQ1:      MOV          A,STATE              ; ELSE, USE CURRENT STATE
SQ2:      NOP                                ; END
          RL           A                    ; MAKE IT 4-BYTE-
          RL           A                    ; ADDRESS OFFSET
          MOV          DPTR,#JMPTBL        ; OFFSET IN JUMP TABLE
          JMP          @A+DPTR              ; PERFORM STATE
SEQR:     MOV          C,ALMF               ; GET ALARM FLAG
          ORL          C,TMOF               ; OR WITH TIMEOUT FLAG
          JNC          SQ3                  ; IF (ALM.OR.TMO)
          MOV          A,ABORT              ; GET ABORT STATE
          MOV          STATE,A              ; SET STATE TO ABORT
          CLR          FO                   ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
SQ3:      NOP                                ; END
          JNB          FO,SEQ               ;UNTIL HOLD
          RET                               ;RETURN

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;*****
;*      MAIN DISPATCHING PROGRAM
;*
;*****
MAIN:    NOP                                ;DO FOREVER
          JNB      MINF,MN1                ; IF 1-MIN TIME
          LCALL    TIM                     ; DO 1-MIN FUNCTIONS
MN1:     JNB      SECF,MN2                ; IF 1-SEC TIME
          LCALL    T1K                     ; DO 1-SEC FUNCTIONS
MN2:     JNB      TICF,MN3                ; IF TICK TIME
          LCALL    T50                     ; DO TICK FUNCTIONS
MN3:     JNB      RCVF,MN4                ; IF RCV TIME
          LCALL    RCV                     ; DO RCV FUNCTIONS
MN4:     JNB      XMTF,MN5                ; IF XMT TIME
          LCALL    XMT                     ; DO XMT FUNCTIONS
MN5:     LCALL    TEST                     ; ELSE, PERFORM TESTS
          SJMP     MAIN                    ;END

;
GTCT:    MOV      A,#1                    ;READ SRAM
          RET
RCV:     CLR      RCVF                    ;RESET RCV FLAG
          RET
XMT:     CLR      XMTF                    ;RESET XMT FLAG
          RET
SIOHND:  RET                              ;SERIAL I/O HANDLER

$INCLUDE(STATES.SRC)
;
      END

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```
*****
;*      STATE JUMP TABLE
;*
*****
JMPTBL:  LJMP      STATE0
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE1
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE2
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE3
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE4
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE5
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE6
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE7
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE8
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE9
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE10
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE11
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE12
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE13
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE14
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE15
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE16
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE17
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE18
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE19
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE20
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE21
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE22
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE23
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE24
          DB        0
          LJMP      STATE25
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DB	0
LJMP	STATE26
DB	0
LJMP	STATE27
DB	0
LJMP	STATE28
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LJMP	STATE29
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LJMP	STATE30
DB	0
LJMP	STATE31
DB	0
LJMP	STATE32
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LJMP	STATE33
DB	0
LJMP	STATE34
DB	0
LJMP	STATE35
DB	0
LJMP	STATE36
DB	0
LJMP	STATE37
DB	0
LJMP	STATE38
DB	0

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;
STATE0:  MOV      STATE,#1
         MOV      ABORT,#1
         MOV      STAT,#00H
         MOV      CTRL,#00H
         MOV      TCEN,#00H
         MOV      TCFL,#00H
         MOV      MSK0,#00H
         MOV      MSK1,#00H
         MOV      MSK2,#00H
         MOV      MSK3,#00H
         MOV      CCO0,#00H
         MOV      CCO1,#00H
         MOV      CCO2,#40H
         MOV      CCO3,#00H
         CLR      FO
         LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE1:  JNB      DSC1,S11
         MOV      STATE,#2
         MOV      ABORT,#29
         CLR      LT01
         SETB     LT11
         CLR      FO
         SJMP     S12
S11:     SETB     LT01
         CLR      LT11
         SETB     FO
S12:     NOP
         LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE2:  JNB      SUC1,S21
         MOV      STATE,#3
         MOV      ABORT,#29
         CLR      LT11
         SETB     LT12
         MOV      CNT0,#CNTM
         CLR      TFL6
         CLR      MVC7
         CLR      MV07
         CLR      VV07
         MOV      TTMO,#VDLY
         CLR      TFLO
         SETB     TEN0
         CLR      FO
         SJMP     S23
S21:     JB       DSC1,S22
         MOV      STATE,#1
         MOV      ABORT,#29
         CLR      FO
         SJMP     S23
S22:     SETB     FO
S23:     NOP
         LJMP     SEQR

;
;STATE:=1
;ABORT:=1
;RESET STATUS
;RESET CONTROLS
;RESET ALARMS
;RESET TIMEOUT FLAGS
;RESET CLOSED MASKS
;RESET OPEN MASKS
;RESET MISC. MASKS
;RESET MISC. MASKS
;RESET ALARM LIGHTS
;RESET RUN LIGHTS
;RESET ALL VALVES
;RESET MISC. OUTPUTS
;CLEAR HOLD FLAG
;RETURN

;IF DOOR CLOSED
; STATE:=2
; ABORT:=29
; DOOR-OPEN(OFF)
; READY-FOR-CYCLE(ON)
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, DOOR-OPEN(ON)
; READY-FOR-CYCLE(OFF)
; SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

;IF START-CYCLE(PUSHED)
; STATE:=3
; ABORT:=29
; READY-FOR-CYCLE(OFF)
; CYCLE-IN-PROGRESS(ON)
; LOAD MIN. COUNT
; CLEAR COUNT FLAG
; CLEAR VC7 MASK
; CLEAR VO7 MASK
; CLOSE-BREAK-VALVE
; LOAD TIMEOUT DELAY
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, IF DOOR-OPEN
; STATE:=1
; ABORT:=29
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

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STATE3:  JNB      LSC7,S31
          MOV      STATE,#4
          MOV      ABORT,#29
          CLR      TEN0
          SETB     HVC7
          SETB     HVO7
          SETB     HT01
          MOV      HTMO,#HDLY
          CLR      TFL4
          SETB     TEN4
          CLR      F0
          SJMP     S33
S31:      JB       DSC1,S32
          MOV      A,ABORT
          MOV      STATE,A
          SETB     LT01
          CLR      F0
          SJMP     S33
S32:      SETB     F0
S33:      NOP
          LJMP     SEQR
;
          ;IF V7 CLOSED
          ; STATE:=4
          ; ABORT:=29
          ; CLEAR TIMEOUT ENABLE
          ; SET VC7 MASK
          ; SET VO7 MASK
          ; TURN HEATER ON
          ; LOAD HEATER TIMEOUT
          ; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
          ; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ;ELSE, IF DOOR OPEN
          ; GET ABORT STATE
          ; STATE:=ABORT-1
          ; DOOR-OPEN(ON)
          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ; ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ;RETURN

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STATE4:  JNB      TSC1,S41
          MOV      STATE,#5
          MOV      ABORT,#29
          CLR      TEN4
          SETB     MTC1
          MOV      STP1,#TSP1
          SETB     CEN1
          CLR      HVC1
          CLR      HVO1
          SETB     VVO1
          MOV      TTHO,#VDLY
          CLR      TFLO
          SETB     TEN0
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S43
S41:      JB       DSC1,S42
          MOV      A,ABORT
          MOV      STATE,A
          SETB     LT01
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S43
S42:      SETB     FO
S43:      NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE5:  JNB      LSO1,S51
          MOV      STATE,#6
          MOV      ABORT,#29
          CLR      TEN0
          SETB     HVC1
          SETB     HVO1
          SETB     PP01
          SETB     LT13
          MOV      MTHO,#TVAC
          CLR      TFL4
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S53
S51:      JB       DSC1,S52
          MOV      A,ABORT
          MOV      STATE,A
          SETB     LT01
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S53
S52:      SETB     FO
S53:      NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE6:  JNB      TFL4,S62
          CLR      C
          MOV      A,AD10
          SUBB     A,#PVAC
          JC       S61
          MOV      STATE,#7
          MOV      ABORT,#29
          CLR      HVC1

; IF HEATER ON
; STATE:=5
; ABORT:=29
; CLEAR TIMEOUT ENABLE
; SET TEMP SU MASK
; LOAD TEMP. SETPOINT
; ENABLE TEMP. CONTROL
; CLEAR VC1 MASK
; CLEAR VO1 MASK
; OPEN V1
; LOAD TIMEOUT DELAY
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, IF DOOR OPEN
; GET ABORT STATE
; STATE:=ABORT-1
; DOOR-OPEN(ON)
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
; RETURN

; IF VAC VALVE OPEN
; STATE:=6
; ABORT:=29
; CLEAR TIMEOUT ENABLE
; SET VC1 MASK
; SET VO1 MASK
; TURN P1 ON
; EVAC-IN-PROGRESS(ON)
; LOAD EVAC TIME
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, IF DOOR OPEN
; GET ABORT STATE
; STATE:=ABORT-1
; DOOR-OPEN(ON)
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
; RETURN

; IF EVAC TIME
; CLEAR CARRY
; GET PRESSURE
; SUBTRACT PRESS. LIMIT
; IF P.LE.PVAC
; STATE:=7
; ABORT:=29
; CLEAR VC1 MASK

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      CLR      HV01      ;
      CLR      VV01      ;
      MOV      TTM0,#VDLY ;
      CLR      TFLO      ;
      SETB     TEN0      ;
      CLR      FO        ;
      SJMP     S63        ;
S61:  SETB     S63        ;
      SETB     LT02      ;
      MOV      A,ABORT    ;
      MOV      STATE,A   ;
      CLR      FO        ;
      SJMP     S63        ;
S62:  SETB     S63        ;
S63:  NOP          ;
      LJMP     SEQR      ;

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      ; CLEAR V01 MASK
      ; CLOSE V1
      ; LOAD TIMEOUT
      ; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
      ; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
      ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
      ; END
      ; ELSE, EVAC-FAIL(ON)
      ; GET ABORT STATE
      ; STATE:=ABORT-1
      ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
      ; END
      ; ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
      ; END
      ; RETURN

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STATE7:  JNB      LSC1,S71
          MOV      STATE,#8
          MOV      ABORT,#29
          CLR      TENO
          SETB     MVC1
          SETB     MVO1
          MOV      MTMO,#LKHT
          CLR      TFL4
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S72
S71:      SETB     FO
          NOP
S72:      LJMP     SEQR
;
STATE8:   JNB      TFL4,S82
          CLR      C
          MOV      A,AD10
          SUBB     A,#PRLX
          JC       S81
          MOV      STATE,#9
          MOV      ABORT,#30
          MOV      STP2,#HSP1
          CLR      MVO6
          CLR      MVC6
          SETB     CEN2
          MOV      MTMO,#HUMT
          CLR      TFL4
          CLR      LT13
          SETB     LT14
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S83
S81:      SETB     LT02
          MOV      A,ABORT
          MOV      STATE,A
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S83
S82:      SETB     FO
S83:      NOP
          LJMP     SEQR
;
STATE9:   JNB      TFL4,S92
          CLR      C
          MOV      A,AD13
          SUBB     A,#HNOM
          JC       S91
          MOV      STATE,#10
          MOV      ABORT,#30
          MOV      MTMO,#HUMH
          CLR      TFL4
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S83
S91:      SETB     LT03
          MOV      A,ABORT
          MOV      STATE,A
          SJMP     S93
;IF V1 CLOSED
; STATE:=8
; ABORT:=29
; DISABLE TIMEOUT
; SET VC1 MASK
; SET VO1 MASK
; LOAD LEAK HOLD TIME
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN
;IF LEAK HOLD TIME
; CLEAR CARRY
; GET PRESSURE
; SUBTRACT LEAK LIMIT
; IF P.LE.PRLX
; STATE:=9
; ABORT:=30
; GET HUM. SETPOINT
; CLEAR VO6 MASK
; CLEAR VC6 MASK
; ENABLE HUM. LOOP (V6)
; LOAD HUM. TIMER
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; EVAC-IN-PROGRESS(OFF)
; FILL-IN-PROGRESS(ON)
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, EVAC-FAIL(ON)
; GET ABORT STATE
; STATE:=ABORT-1
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN
;IF HUM. TIME
; CLEAR CARRY
; GET HUMIDITY
; SUBTRACT HUM. LEVEL
; IF HUM.GE.HNOM
; STATE:=10
; ABORT:=30
; LOAD HUM. HOLD TIMER
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, FILL-FAIL(ON)
; GET ABORT STATE
; STATE:=ABORT-2
; END

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S92:      SETB      FO
S93:      NOP
          LJMP      SEQR
;
STATE10:  JNB      TFL4,S101
          MOV      STATE,#11
          MOV      ABORT,#30
          CLR      HVC2
          CLR      HVO2
          SETB     VV02
          CLR      MVC8
          CLR      MVO8
          SETB     VV08
          MOV      TTMO,#VDLY
          CLR      TFLO
          SETB     TENO
          MOV      STPO,#PSP1
          CLR      HVO5
          CLR      MVC5
          SETB     CENO
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S102
S101:     SETB      FO
S102:     NOP
          LJMP      SEQR
;
          ;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ;RETURN
;IF HUM. HOLD TIME
; STATE:=11
; ABORT:=30
; CLEAR VC2 MASK
; CLEAR VO2 MASK
; OPEN V2
; CLEAR VC8 MASK
; CLEAR V08 MASK
; OPEN V8
; LOAD VALVE TIMEOUT
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
; GET PRESS. SETPOINT
; CLEAR VO5 MASK
; CLEAR VC5 MASK
; ENABLE PRESS. LOOP (V5)
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

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STATE11: MOV      C,LS02
          ANL      C,LS08
          JNC      S111
          MOV      STATE,#12
          MOV      ABORT,#31
          CLR      TEN0
          SETB     HVC2
          SETB     HVO2
          SETB     HVC8
          SETB     HVO8
          MOV      STP3,#CSP1
          CLR      HVO4
          CLR      HVC4
          SETB     CEN3
          MOV      MTMO,#CNCT
          CLR      TFL4
          CLR      LT14
          SETB     LT15
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S112
S111:    SETB     FO
S112:    NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE12: JNB      TFL4,S122
          CLR      C
          MOV      A,ADI3
          SUBB     A,#CNOM
          JC       S121
          MOV      STATE,#13
          MOV      ABORT,#31
          MOV      MTMO,#CONH
          CLR      TFL4
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S123
S121:    SETB     LT04
          MOV      A,ABORT
          MOV      STATE,A
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S123
S122:    SETB     FO
S123:    NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE13: JNB      TFL4,S132
          CLR      C
          MOV      A,ADI3
          SUBB     A,#CNOM
          JC       S131
          MOV      STATE,#14
          MOV      ABORT,#31
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S133
S131:    SETB     LT04
          MOV      A,ABORT

          MOV      STATE,A
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S133
S132:    SETB     FO
S133:    NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;TEST V2 OPEN-
;AND V8 OPEN
;IF (V2.AND.V8) OPEN
; STATE:=12
; ABORT:=31
; DISABLE TIMEOUT FLAG
; SET VC2 MASK
; SET V02 MASK
; SET VC8 MASK
; SET V08 MASK
; GET CONC. SETPOINT
; CLEAR V04 MASK
; CLEAR VC4 MASK
; ENABLE CONC. LOOP (V4)
; LOAD CONC. TIMER
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; FILL-IN-PROGRESS(OFF)
; STERIL-IN-PROGRESS(ON)
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

;IF CONC. TIME
; CLEAR CARRY
; GET CONC.
; SUBTRACT CONC. LEVEL
; IF CONC.GE.CNOM
; STATE:=13
; ABORT:=31
; LOAD CONC. HOLD TIMER
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, STERIL-FAIL(ON)
; GET ABORT STATE
; STATE:=ABORT-3
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

;IF GAS HOLD TIME
; CLEAR CARRY
; GET CONC.
; SUBTRACT CONC. LEVEL
; IF CONC.GE.CNOM
; STATE:=14
; ABORT:=31
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, STERIL-FAIL(ON)
; GET ABORT STATE

; STATE:=ABORT-3
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

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STATE14: CLR      C           ;CLEAR CARRY
          MOV      A,ADI1      ;GET TEMP.
          SUBB     A,#TLOW      ;SUBTRACT MIN. TEMP.
          JC       S141        ;IF TEMP.GE.THIN
          CLR      C           ; CLEAR CARRY
          MOV      A,#TMAX      ; GET MAX. TEMP LEVEL
          SUBB     A,ADI1      ; SUBTRACT TEMP.
          JC       S141        ; IF TEMP.LE.TMAX
          MOV      STATE,#15    ; STATE:=15
          MOV      ABORT,#31    ; ABORT:=31
          MOV      TMO,#TSTR    ; LOAD STERIL. TIMER
          CLR      TFL4        ; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
          CLR      FO          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          SJMP     S142        ; END
S141:     SETB     LT04        ;ELSE, STERIL-FAIL(ON)
          MOV      A,ABORT      ; GET ABORT STATE
          MOV      STATE,A      ; STATE:=ABORT-3
          CLR      FO          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
S142:     NOP      ; END
          LJMP     SEQR        ;RETURN
;
STATE15: JNB      TFL4,S151    ;IF STERIL. TIME
          MOV      STATE,#16    ; STATE:=16
          MOV      ABORT,#31    ; ABORT:=31
          CLR      CEN0        ; PRESS. LOOP (OFF)
          CLR      CEN2        ; HUM. LOOP (OFF)
          CLR      CEN3        ; GAS LOOP (OFF)
          CLR      CTRO        ; PRESS. OUTPUT (OFF)
          CLR      CTR2        ; HUM. OUTPUT (OFF)
          CLR      CTR3        ; GAS OUTPUT (OFF)
          CLR      VV06        ; CLOSE V6
          CLR      VV05        ; CLOSE V5
          CLR      VV04        ; CLOSE V4
          MOV      TMO,#VDLY    ; LOAD TIMEOUT DELAY
          CLR      TFL0        ; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
          SETB     TEN0        ; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
          CLR      FO          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          SJMP     S152        ; END
S151:     SETB     FO          ;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
S152:     NOP      ; END
          LJMP     SEQR        ;RETURN
;
STATE16: MOV      C,LSC4       ;TEST V4 CLOSED
          ANL      C,LSC5       ;AND V5 CLOSED
          ANL      C,LSC6       ;AND V6 CLOSED
          JNC      S161        ;IF (V4,V5,& V6) CLOSED
          MOV      STATE,#17    ; STATE:=17
          MOV      ABORT,#31    ; ABORT:=31
          CLR      TEN0        ; DISABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
          SETB     MVC4        ; SET VC4 MASK
          SETB     MV04        ; SET V04 MASK
          SETB     MVC5        ; SET VC5 MASK
          SETB     MV05        ; SET V05 MASK
          SETB     MVC6        ; SET VC6 MASK
          SETB     MV06        ; SET V06 MASK

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CLR      MVC3
CLR      MVO3
SETB     VVO3
CLR      LT15
SETB     LT16
MOV      TTM0,#VDLY
CLR      TFLO
SETB     TEN0
CLR      F0
S161:    SJMP    S162
S162:    NOP
LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE17: MOV    C,LS03
        ANL     C,LS08
        JNC     S171
        MOV     STATE,#18
        MOV     ABORT,#31
        CLR     TEN0
        SETB    MVC3
        SETB    MVO3
        SETB    MVC8
        SETB    MVO8
        MOV     MTM0,#TEVC
        CLR     TFL4
        CLR     F0
S171:    SJMP    S172
S172:    SETB    F0
        NOP
LJMP     SEQR

;
; CLEAR VC3 MASK
; CLEAR VO3 MASK
; OPEN V3
; STERIL-IN-PROGRESS(OFF)
; PURGE-IN-PROGRESS(ON)
; LOAD TIMEOUT DELAY
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

;TEST V3 OPEN-
;AND V8 OPEN
;IF (V3.AND.V8) OPEN
; STATE:=18
; ABORT:=31
; DISABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
; SET VC3 MASK
; SET VO3 MASK
; SET VC8 MASK
; SET VO8 MASK
; LOAD EVAC. TIMER
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

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STATE18: JNB      TFL4,S181
          MOV      STATE,#19
          MOV      ABORT,#31
          CLR      MVC3
          CLR      MVO3
          CLR      VVO3
          CLR      MVC8
          CLR      MVO8
          CLR      VVO8
          MOV      TTM0,#VDLY
          CLR      TFLO
          SETB     TEN0
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S182
S181:     SETB     FO
S182:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE19: MOV      C,LSC3
          ANL      C,LSC8
          JNC      S191
          MOV      STATE,#20
          MOV      ABORT,#32
          CLR      TEN0
          SETB     MVC8
          SETB     MVO8
          MOV      STP0,#PSP1
          CLR      MVO5
          CLR      MVC5
          SETB     CEN0
          MOV      MTM0,#PN2T
          CLR      TFL4
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S192
S191:     SETB     FO
S192:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE20: JNB      TFL4,S202
          CLR      C
          MOV      A,#PHAX
          SUBB     A,ADIO
          JC      S201
          MOV      STATE,#21
          MOV      ABORT,#32
          CLR      CEN0
          CLR      CTRO
          CLR      VVO5
          MOV      TTM0,#VDLY
          CLR      TFLO
          SETB     TEN0
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S202
S201:     SETB     LT05
          MOV      A,ABORT

          MOV      STATE,A
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S203
S202:     SETB     FO
S203:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;IF EVAC. TIME
; STATE:=19
; ABORT:=31
; CLEAR VC3 MASK
; CLEAR VO3 MASK
; CLOSE V3
; CLEAR VC8 MASK
; CLEAR VO8 MASK
; CLOSE V8
; LOAD VALVE TIMER
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

;TEST V3 CLOSED-
;AND V8 CLOSED
;IF (V3.AND.V8) CLOSED
; STATE:=20
; ABORT:=32
; DISABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
; SET VC8 MASK
; SET VO8 MASK
; GET PRESS. SETPOINT
; CLEAR VO5 MASK
; CLEAR VC5 MASK
; ENABLE PRESS. CONTROL (VP)
; LOAD N2 PRESS. TIMER
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

;IF REPRESS. TIME
; CLEAR CARRY
; GET MIN.PRESS. LEVEL
; SUBTRACT PRESSURE
; IF PRESS.GE.PHAX
; STATE:=21
; ABORT:=32
; N2 LOOP (OFF)
; N2 OUTPUT (OFF)
; CLOSE N2 VALVE
; LOAD VALVE TIMEOUT
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, PURGE-FAIL(ON)
; GET ABORT STATE

; STATE:=ABORT-4
; CLEAR HOLD TIMER
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD TIMER
; END
;RETURN

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STATE21: JNB      LSC5,S211          ;IF V5 CLOSED
          MOV      STATE,#22
          MOV      ABORT,#33
          CLR      TEN0
          SETB     MVC5
          SETB     HVC5
          CLR      MVC3
          CLR      HVC3
          CLR      HVO3
          SETB     VV03
          CLR      MVC8
          CLR      HVC8
          SETB     VV08
          MOV      TTM0,#VDLY
          CLR      TFLO
          SETB     TEN0
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S212
S211:     SETB     FO
S212:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE22: MOV      C,LS03
          ANL      C,LS08
          JNC      S221
          MOV      STATE,#23
          MOV      ABORT,#33
          CLR      TEN0
          SETB     MVC3
          SETB     HVC3
          SETB     HVO3
          SETB     MVC8
          SETB     HVC8
          SETB     HVO8
          MOV      MTM0,#DSRB
          CLR      TFL4
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S222
S221:     SETB     FO
S222:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE23: JNB      TFL4,S231
          MOV      STATE,#24
          MOV      ABORT,#34
          CLR      MVC3
          CLR      HVC3
          CLR      HVO3
          CLR      VV03
          CLR      MVC8
          CLR      HVC8
          CLR      HVO8
          CLR      VV08
          CLR      MVC2
          CLR      HVC2
          CLR      HVO2
          CLR      VV02
          MOV      TTM0,#VDLY
          CLR      TFLO
          SETB     TEN0
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S232
S231:     SETB     FO
S232:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
          ;TEST V3 OPEN-
          ;AND V8 OPEN
          ;IF (V3.AND.V8) OPEN
          ; STATE:=23
          ; ABORT:=33
          ; DISABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
          ; SET VC3 MASK
          ; SET V03 MASK
          ; SET VC8 MASK
          ; SET V08 MASK
          ; LOAD DESORB TIMER
          ; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ; ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ;RETURN

          ;IF DESORB TIME
          ; STATE:=24
          ; ABORT:=34
          ; CLEAR VC3 MASK
          ; CLEAR V03 MASK
          ; CLOSE V3
          ; CLEAR VC8 MASK
          ; CLEAR V08 MASK
          ; CLOSE V8
          ; CLEAR VC2 MASK
          ; CLEAR V02 MASK
          ; CLOSE V2
          ; LOAD TIMEOUT DELAY
          ; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
          ; ENABLE TIMEOUT ALARM
          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG

          ; END
          ;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ;RETURN

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STATE24: MOV      C,LSC3
          ANL      C,LSC8
          ANL      C,LSC2
          JNC      S241
          MOV      STATE,#25
          MOV      ABORT,#35
          CLR      TEND
          SETB     HVC3
          SETB     HVO3
          SETB     HVC8
          SETB     HVO8
          SETB     HVC2
          SETB     HVO2
          SETB     LGG1
          MOV      MTMO,#TLGH
          LCALL    DCTO
          CLR      TFL4
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S242
S241:     SETB     FO
S242:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

STATE25: JNB      TFL4,S252
          CLR      C
          MOV      A,#CHIN
          SUBB     A,ADI3
          ORL      C,/TFL6
          JC       S251
          MOV      STATE,#26
          MOV      ABORT,#36
          CLR      CEN1
          CLR      PPO1
          CLR      HT01
          CLR      LGG1
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S253
S251:     MOV      A,ABORT
          MOV      STATE,A
          CLR      FO
          SJMP     S253
S252:     SETB     FO
S253:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

STATE26: LCALL    GTCT
          JNZ      S261
          MOV      STATE,#27
          MOV      ABORT,#36
          CLR      HVC2
          CLR      HVO2
          SETB     VV02
          CLR      HVC3
          CLR      HVO3
          SETB     VV03

          ;TEST V3 CLOSED-
          ;AND V8 CLOSED-
          ;AND V2 CLOSED
          ;IF (V2,V3,V8 CLOSED)
          ; STATE:=25
          ; ABORT:=35
          ; DISABLE TIMEOUT MASK-
          ; SET VC3 MASK
          ; SET VO3 MASK
          ; SET VC& MASK
          ; SET VO& MASK
          ; SET VC2 MASK
          ; SET VO2 MASK
          ; SWITCH TO HIGH GAIN
          ; START LOW GAS HOLD
          ; DECREMENT PURGE COUNT
          ; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ;RETURN

          ;IF LOW-HOLD TIME
          ; CLEAR CARRY
          ; GET MAX. LEVEL
          ; SUBTRACT CONC.
          ; OR CARRY WITH COUNT FLAG
          ; IF (CONC.LE.CHIN).AND.TFL4=1
          ; STATE:=26
          ; ABORT:=36
          ; DISABLE TEMP. CTRL
          ; TURN PUMP OFF
          ; TURN HEATER OFF
          ; SET LOW GAIN
          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ; ELSE, GET ABORT STATE
          ; STATE:=35
          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
          ; END
          ;RETURN

          ;DECREMENT & GET CYCLE CNT
          ;IF LAST RUN
          ; STATE:=27
          ; ABORT:=36
          ; CLEAR VC2 MASK
          ; CLEAR VO2 MASK
          ; OPEN V2
          ; CLEAR VC3 MASK
          ; CLEAR VO3 MASK
          ; OPEN V3

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CLR      MVC4
CLR      MVO4
SETB     VV04
CLR      MVC8
CLR      MVO8
SETB     VV08
MOV      HTMO,#TDMP
CLR      TFL4
CLR      F0
S261:    SJMP    S262
MOV      STATE,#28
MOV      ABORT,#36
S262:    CLR      F0
NOP
LJMP     SEQR

; CLEAR VC4 MASK
; CLEAR VO4 MASK
; OPEN V4
; CLEAR VC8 MASK
; CLEAR VO8 MASK
; OPEN V8
; LOAD DUMP TIMER
; RESET TIMEOUT FLAG
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; ELSE, STATE:=28
; ABORT:=36
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
; RETURN
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STATE27: JNB      TFL4,S271
          MOV      STATE,#28
          MOV      ABORT,#36
          CLR      VV02
          CLR      VV03
          CLR      VV04
          CLR      VV08
          CLR      F0
          SJMP     S272
S271:     SETB     F0
S272:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE28: MOV      STATE,#37
          MOV      ABORT,#36
          CLR      MV05
          CLR      MVC5
          SETB     CEN0
          MOV      STP0,#PATH
          CLR      F0
          LJMP     SEQR

;
STATE29: MOV      C,LSC1
          ANL      C,LSC2
          ANL      C,LSC3
          ANL      C,LSC4
          ANL      C,LSC5
          ANL      C,LSC6
          ANL      C,LS07
          ANL      C,LSC8
          ANL      C,SUC2
          JNC      S291
          MOV      STATE,#2
          MOV      ABORT,#0
          MOV      STAT,#00H
          MOV      CC00,#00H
          MOV      CC01,#01H
          CLR      F0
          SJMP     S292
S291:     MOV      CTRL,#00H
          MOV      TCEN,#00H
          MOV      MSK0,#00H
          MOV      MSK1,#00H
          MOV      MSK2,#00H
          MOV      CC02,#40H
          MOV      CC03,#00H
          MOV      CC01,#00H
          SETB     LT02
          SETB     F0
S292:     NOP
          LJMP     SEQR

;
          IF DUMP-TIME
          STATE:=28
          ABORT:=36
          CLOSE V2
          CLOSE V3
          CLOSE V4
          CLOSE V8
          CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          END
          ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
          END
          RETURN

          STATE:=37
          ABORT:=36
          CLR V05 MASK
          CLR VC5 MASK
          PRESS. CONTROL(ON)
          SET ATH. SETPOINT
          CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          RETURN

          TEST V1 CLOSED-
          AND V2 CLOSED-
          AND V3 CLOSED-
          AND V4 CLOSED-
          AND V5 CLOSED-
          AND V6 CLOSED-
          AND V7 OPEN-
          AND V8 CLOSED-
          AND SU2 PUSHED
          IF RESET
          STATE:=2
          ABORT:=0
          RESET STATUS
          RESET ALARM LIGHTS
          RESET RUN LIGHTS
          CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          END
          ELSE, RESET CONTROLS
          RESET ALARMS
          RESET CLOSED MASKS
          RESET OPEN MASKS
          RESET MISC. MASKS
          RESET VALVES
          RESET MISC. OUTPUTS
          TURN CYCLE LIGHTS OFF
          EVAC-FAIL(ON)
          SET HOLD FLAG
          END
          RETURN

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STATE30: MOV      C,LSC1
           ANL      C,LSC2
           ANL      C,LSC3
           ANL      C,LSC4
           ANL      C,LSC5
           ANL      C,LSC6
           ANL      C,LSO7
           ANL      C,LSC8
           ANL      C,SUC2
           JNC      S301
           MOV      STATE,#2
           MOV      ABORT,#0
           MOV      STAT,#00H
           MOV      CCO0,#00H
           MOV      CCO1,#01H
           CLR      FO
           SJMP     S302
S301:      MOV      CTRL,#00H
           MOV      TCEN,#00H
           MOV      MSK0,#00H
           MOV      MSK1,#00H
           MOV      MSK2,#00H
           MOV      CCO2,#40H
           MOV      CCO3,#00H
           MOV      CCO1,#00H
           SETB     LT03
           SETB     FO
S302:      NOP
           LJMP     SEQR
           ;TEST V1 CLOSED-
           ;AND V2 CLOSED-
           ;AND V3 CLOSED-
           ;AND V4 CLOSED-
           ;AND V5 CLOSED-
           ;AND V6 CLOSED-
           ;AND V7 OPEN-
           ;AND V8 CLOSED-
           ;AND SU2 PUSHED
           ;IF RESET
           ; STATE:=2
           ; ABORT:=0
           ; RESET STATUS
           ; RESET ALARM LIGHTS
           ; RESET RUN LIGHTS
           ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
           ; END
           ;ELSE, RESET CONTROLS
           ; RESET ALARMS
           ; RESET CLOSED MASKS
           ; RESET OPEN MASKS
           ; RESET MISC. MASKS
           ; RESET VALVES
           ; RESET MISC. OUTPUTS
           ; TURN CYCLE LIGHTS OFF
           ; FILL-FAIL(ON)
           ; SET HOLD FLAG
           ; END
           ;RETURN

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STATE31: MOV      C,LSC1
              ANL      C,LSO2
              ANL      C,LSC3
              ANL      C,LSC4
              ANL      C,LSC6
              ANL      C,LSC7
              ANL      C,LSC8
              ANL      C,SUC2
              JNC      S311
              MOV      STATE,#20
              MOV      ABORT,#31
              MOV      STAT,#00H
              MOV      MSK0,#0EFH
              MOV      MSK1,#0EFH
              MOV      MSK2,#001H
              MOV      CCO0,#00H
              MOV      CCO1,#22H
              CLR      FO
              SJMP     S312
S311:        MOV      CTRL,#03H
              MOV      TCEN,#00H
              MOV      MSK0,#00H
              MOV      MSK1,#00H
              MOV      MSK2,#00H
              MOV      CCO2,#02H
              MOV      CCO3,#01H
              SETB     LT04
              SETB     FO
S312:        NOP
              LJMP     SEQR
;
STATE32: MOV      C,LSC5
              ANL      C,SUC2
              JNC      S321
              MOV      STATE,#19
              MOV      ABORT,#32
              CLR      FO
              SJMP     S322
S321:        MOV      CCO2,#02H
              SETB     FO
S322:        NOP
              LJMP     SEQR
;
STATE33: MOV      C,SUC2
              JNC      S331
              MOV      STATE,#23
              MOV      ABORT,#33
              CLR      FO
              SJMP     S332
S331:        SETB     FO
S332:        NOP
              LJMP     SEQR
;
STATE34: MOV      C,SUC2
              JNC      S341
              MOV      STATE,#25
              MOV      ABORT,#35
              LCALL    DCTO
              CLR      FO
              SJMP     S342
S341:        SETB     FO
S342:        NOP
              LJMP     SEQR

;TEST V1 CLOSED-
;AND V2 OPEN-
;AND V3 CLOSED
;AND V4 CLOSED-
;AND V6 CLOSED-
;AND V7 CLOSED-
;AND V8 CLOSED-
;AND SU2 PUSHED
;IF RESET
; STATE:=20
; ABORT:=32
; RESET STATUS
; SET ALL CLOSED MASKS
; SET ALL OPEN MASKS
; SET MISC. MASKS
; RESET ALARM LIGHTS
; RESET RUN LIGHTS
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, RESET CONTROLS
; RESET ALARMS
; RESET CLOSED MASKS
; RESET OPEN MASKS
; RESET MISC. MASKS
; RESET ALL VALVES
; RESET MISC. OUTPUTS
; STERIL-FAIL(ON)
; SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

;TEST V5 CLOSED
;AND SU2
;IF (V5 CLOSED & SU2 PUSHED)
; STATE:=19
; ABORT:=32
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, RESET ALL VALVES
; SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

;TEST SU2
;IF PUSHED
; STATE:=23
; ABORT:=34
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

;TEST SU2
;IF PUSHED
; STATE:=25
; ABORT:=35
; DECREMENT PURGE COUNT
; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
; END
;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
; END
;RETURN

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STATE35: MOV      C,LSC1      ;TEST V1 CLOSED-
          ANL      C,LSO2      ;AND V2 OPEN-
          ANL      C,LSC3      ;AND V3 CLOSED-
          ANL      C,LSC4      ;AND V4 CLOSED-
          ANL      C,LSC5      ;AND V5 CLOSED-
          ANL      C,LSC6      ;AND V6 CLOSED-
          ANL      C,LSC7      ;AND V7 CLOSED-
          ANL      C,LSC8      ;AND V8 CLOSED-
          JNC      S351        ;IF RESET
          MOV      STATE,#20   ; STATE:=20
          MOV      ABORT,#32   ; ABORT:=32
          MOV      STAT,#00H   ; RESET STATUS
          MOV      MSK0,#0EFH  ; SET ALL CLOSED MASKS
          MOV      MSK1,#0EFH  ; SET ALL OPEN MASKS
          MOV      MSK2,#001H  ; SET MISC. MASKS
          MOV      CCO0,#00H   ; RESET ALARM LIGHTS
          MOV      CCO1,#22H   ; RESET RUN LIGHTS
          MOV      STPO,#PSP1  ; LOAD PRESS. SETPOINT
          SETB     CENO        ; ENABLE PRESSURE CONTROL
          MOV      MTMO,#PN2T  ; SET PRESSURE TIMER
          CLR      TFL4        ; CLEAR TIMER FLAG
          CLR      FO          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          SJMP     S352        ; END
S351:     MOV      CTRL,#03H  ;ELSE, RESET CONTROLS
          MOV      TCEN,#00H   ; RESET ALARMS
          MOV      MSK0,#00H   ; RESET CLOSED MASKS
          MOV      MSK1,#00H   ; RESET OPEN MASKS
          MOV      MSK2,#00H   ; RESET MISC. MASKS
          MOV      CCO2,#02H   ; RESET ALL VALVES
          MOV      CCO3,#01H   ; RESET MISC. OUTPUTS
          SETB     FO          ; SET HOLD FLAG
S352:     NOP                     ; END
          LJMP     SEQR        ;RETURN
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STATE36: MOV      C,SUC2      ;TEST SU2
          JNC      S361        ;IF PUSHED
          MOV      STATE,#26   ; STATE:=26
          MOV      ABORT,#37   ; ABORT:=37
          CLR      FO          ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          SJMP     S362        ; END
S361:     SETB     FO          ;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
S362:     NOP                     ; END
          LJMP     SEQR        ;RETURN
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STATE37: CLR      C                      ;CLEAR CARRY
          MOV      A,#PATH              ;GET ATM SETPOINT
          SUBB     A,ADIO                ;SUBTRACT PRESSURE
          JC       S371                  ;IF PRESS.GT.ATM
          MOV      STATE,#38             ; STATE:=38
          MOV      ABORT,#0              ; ABORT:=0
          CLR      HVC7                  ; CLEAR VC7 MASK
          CLR      HVO7                  ; CLEAR VQ7 MASK
          CLR      CENO                  ; N2 LOOP(OFF)
          CLR      CTRO                  ; N2 OUTP(OFF)
          CLR      VVO5                  ; CLOSE N2 VALVE
          SETB     VVO7                  ; OPEN V7
          CLR      LT16                  ; PURGE-IN-PROGRESS(OFF)
          SETB     LT17                  ; REMOVE-LOAD(ON)
          CLR      FO                   ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          SJMP     S372                  ; END
S371:     SETB     FO                   ;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
S372:     NOP                      ; END
          LJMP     SEQR                  ;RETURN
;
STATE38: JNB      SUC2,S381              ;IF SU2 PUSHED
          MOV      STATE,#0              ; STATE:=0 (RESET)
          MOV      ABORT,#0              ; ABORT:=0
          CLR      FO                   ; CLEAR HOLD FLAG
          SJMP     S382                  ; END
S381:     SETB     FO                   ;ELSE, SET HOLD FLAG
S382:     NOP                      ; END
          LJMP     SEQR                  ;RETURN
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In the foregoing specification, the invention has been described with reference to a specific exemplary embodiment thereof. It will, however, be evident that various modifications and changes may be made thereunto without parting from the broader spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims. For example, as will be appreciated by those of ordinary skill in the art familiar with this specification, the apparatus

disclosed herein may be suitable for use in connection with various types of gaseous treatment systems, such as those which employ toxic gases, e.g., without limitation, bleaching gases, fumigants, sterilants, etc. The specification and drawings are, accordingly, to be regarded in an illustrative rather than a restrictive sense.

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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Apparatus for treating articles with a gas comprising:  
chamber means for receiving an article to be treated;  
means for supplying the gas to the chamber means comprising valve means coupled to the chamber means for supplying the gas to the chamber means, means for removing the gas from the chamber means after a predetermined time interval, electronic control means receiving a plurality of electrical signals associated with ones of measured parameters from said chamber means for controlling said valve means and said means for removing, said electronic control means comprising computer means for cycling said apparatus through a plurality of states in accordance with a predetermined sequence of instructions, said computer means including means for aborting the operation of said apparatus to one of a plurality of defined failure states in response to a failure of said apparatus, said selected failure state dependent on the state in said cycle in which the failure occurred.
2. The apparatus recited in claim 1 wherein said gas is a sterilizing gas, whereby said article is sterilized by said gas.
3. The apparatus recited in claim 2, wherein said sterilizing gas is generated from at least two component parts, and further including first means for receiving a first component part of the gas, second means for receiving a second component part of the gas, means for allowing said first and second component parts to react with each other to generate said sterilizing gas, said means for allowing being controlled by said computer means in response to the measurement of selected ones of said plurality of measured parameters.



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4. The apparatus recited in claim 3, further comprising valve means for supplying a relatively stable gas to said chamber means.
5. The apparatus recited in claim 3, further comprising valve means for supplying filtered air to said chamber means.
6. The apparatus recited in claim 3, further comprising valve means for supplying water vapor to said chamber means to affect the humidity level in said chamber.
7. The apparatus recited in claim 3 wherein said plurality of measured parameters include the temperature, pressure and humidity in said chamber means and the concentration of said sterilizing gas in said chamber means.
8. The apparatus recited in claim 2 wherein said sterilizing gas comprises chlorine dioxide.
9. The apparatus recited in claim 3 wherein said sterilizing gas comprises chlorine dioxide and said first component comprises chlorine gas and said second component comprises sodium chlorite.
10. The apparatus recited in claim 2 wherein said means for removing comprises vacuum pump means and additional valve means.
11. The apparatus recited in claim 2, wherein said valve means comprises first and second switch means, said first switch means indicating when said valve means is open and said second switch means indicating when said valve means is closed, said first and second switch means being in opposite states such that when said first switch means is closed, said second switch means is open.

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12. The apparatus recited in claim 2, wherein said electronic control means comprises memory means, and further comprising means for receiving input signals from said valve means indicative of the closed or open condition of said valve means and means for transmitting output signals to said valve means to selectively open or close said valve means, image signals of said input and output signals being stored in said memory means.
13. The apparatus recited in claim 12, further comprising means for disabling said output signals from being transmitted to said valve means except when an enabling signal is issued by said computer means.
14. The apparatus recited in claim 2, further comprising means for monitoring for proper operation of said computer means, said monitoring means issuing a disabling signal to prevent actuation of said valve means in the event of a failure of said computer means.
15. The apparatus recited in claim 12, further comprising mask means stored in said memory means, said computer means comparing said image signals of said input and output signals and generating an alarm signal if said input and output image signals do not agree in response to the setting of a bit in said mask means.
16. The apparatus recited in claim 11, further comprising means for monitoring the state of said first and second switch means, and further comprising means for generating an alarm signal if said first and second switch means are not in the proper states.
17. The apparatus recited in claim 2, wherein said valve means moves between a first state and a second state in response to instructions from said computer means, and further comprising timer means for generating an alarm

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signal if said valve means does not move from said first to second state in a predetermined time interval.

18. The apparatus recited in claim 2, further comprising means for cycling said apparatus to a further defined state once one of said defined failure states is reached.
19. Apparatus for treating articles with a gas comprising:
  - first means for receiving a first component;
  - second means for receiving a second component, said first and second components, when reacted together, forming said gas;
  - means for reacting said two components together for forming said gas;
  - first valve means for supplying said gas to said chamber means to treat said article in said chamber means;
  - means for removing said gas from said chamber means;
  - electronic controller means for controlling said means for reacting, means for supplying and means for removing comprising computer means executing a predetermined sequence of steps so as to cycle said apparatus through a series of successive states defining a cycle in which said article is treated by said gas and wherein said gas is thereafter removed from said chamber means so as to render said chamber means within acceptable standards of safety.
20. The apparatus recited in claim 19 wherein said gas is a sterilizing gas, whereby said article is sterilized by said gas.
21. The apparatus recited in claim 20 wherein said computer means comprises means for receiving a plurality of electrical signals associated with ones of measured parameters from said chamber means for controlling the operation of said means for reacting, means for supplying

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and means for removing.

22. The apparatus recited in claim 21, wherein said means for reacting comprises second valve means for allowing said first and second components to react with each other to generate said sterilizing gas, said second valve means being controlled by said computer means in response to the measurement of selected ones of said plurality of measured parameters.
23. The apparatus recited in claim 22, further comprising valve means for supplying a relatively stable gas to said chamber means.
24. The apparatus recited in claim 22, further comprising valve means for supplying filtered air to said chamber means.
25. The apparatus recited in claim 22, further comprising valve means for supplying water vapor to said chamber means to affect the humidity level in said chamber.
26. The apparatus recited in claim 22 wherein said plurality of measured parameters include the temperature, pressure and humidity in said chamber means and the concentration of said sterilizing gas in said chamber means.
27. The apparatus recited in claim 20 wherein said sterilizing gas comprises chlorine dioxide.
28. The apparatus recited in claim 27 wherein said sterilizing gas comprises chlorine dioxide and said first component comprises chlorine gas and said second component comprises sodium chlorite.
29. The apparatus recited in claim 20 wherein said means for removing comprises vacuum pump means and additional valve

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means.

30. The apparatus recited in claim 20, wherein said valve means comprises first and second switch means, said first switch means indicating when said valve means is open and said second switch means indicating when said valve means is closed, said first and second switch means being in opposite states such that when said first switch means is closed, said second switch means is open.
31. The apparatus recited in claim 20, wherein said electronic control means comprises memory means, and further comprising means for receiving input signals from said valve means indicative of the closed or open condition of said valve means and means for transmitting output signals to said valve means to selectively open or close said valve means, images of said input and output signals being stored in said memory means.
32. The apparatus recited in claim 31, further comprising means for disabling said output signals from being transmitted to said valve means except when an enabling signal is issued by said computer means.
33. The apparatus recited in claim 20, further comprising means for monitoring for proper operation of said computer means, said monitoring means issuing a disabling signal to prevent actuation of said valve means in the event of a failure of said computer means.
34. The apparatus recited in claim 31, further comprising mask means stored in said memory means, said computer means comparing said images of said input and output signals and generating an alarm signal if said input and output images do not agree in response to the setting of a bit in said mask means.

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35. The apparatus recited in claim 30, further comprising means for monitoring the state of said first and second switch means, and further comprising means for generating an alarm signal if said first and second switch means are not in the proper states.
36. The apparatus recited in claim 20, wherein said valve means moves between a first state and a second state in response to instructions from said computer means, and further comprising timer means for generating an alarm signal if said valve means does not move from said first to second state in a predetermined time interval.
37. The apparatus recited in claim 20, wherein said computer means includes means for aborting the operation of said apparatus to one of a plurality of defined failure states in response to a failure of said apparatus, said selected failure state dependent on the state in said cycle in which the failure occurred.
38. The apparatus recited in claim 37, further comprising means for resetting said apparatus to a further defined state once one of said defined failure states is reached.
39. Apparatus for treating articles with a gas comprising:  
chamber means for receiving articles to be treated;  
means for supplying the gas to the chamber means  
comprising valve means coupled to the chamber means for supplying the gas to the chamber means, means for removing the gas from the chamber means after a predetermined time interval, electronic control means receiving a plurality of electrical signals associated with ones of measured parameters from said chamber means for controlling said valve means and said means for removing, said electronic control means comprising computer means for cycling said apparatus through a plurality of states in accordance with a predetermined

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sequence of instructions,

said computer means including memory means, and further comprising means for receiving input signals from said valve means indicative of the closed or open condition of said valve means and means for transmitting output signals to said valve means to selectively open or close said valve means, image signals of said input and output signals being stored in said memory means,

mask means being stored in said memory means, said computer means comparing said image signals of said input and output signals and generating an alarm signal if said input and output image signals do not agree in response to the setting of a bit in said mask means.

40. The apparatus recited in claim 39, wherein said gas is a sterilizing gas, whereby said article is sterilized by said gas.
41. The apparatus recited in claim 40, wherein said sterilizing gas is generated from at least two component parts, and further including first means for receiving a first component part of the gas, second means for receiving a second component part of the gas, means for allowing said first and second component parts to react with each other to generate said sterilizing gas, said means for allowing being controlled by said computer means in response to the measurement of selected ones of said plurality of measured parameters.
42. The apparatus recited in claim 41, further comprising valve means for supplying a relatively stable gas to said chamber means.
43. The apparatus recited in claim 41, further comprising valve means for supplying filtered air to said chamber means.

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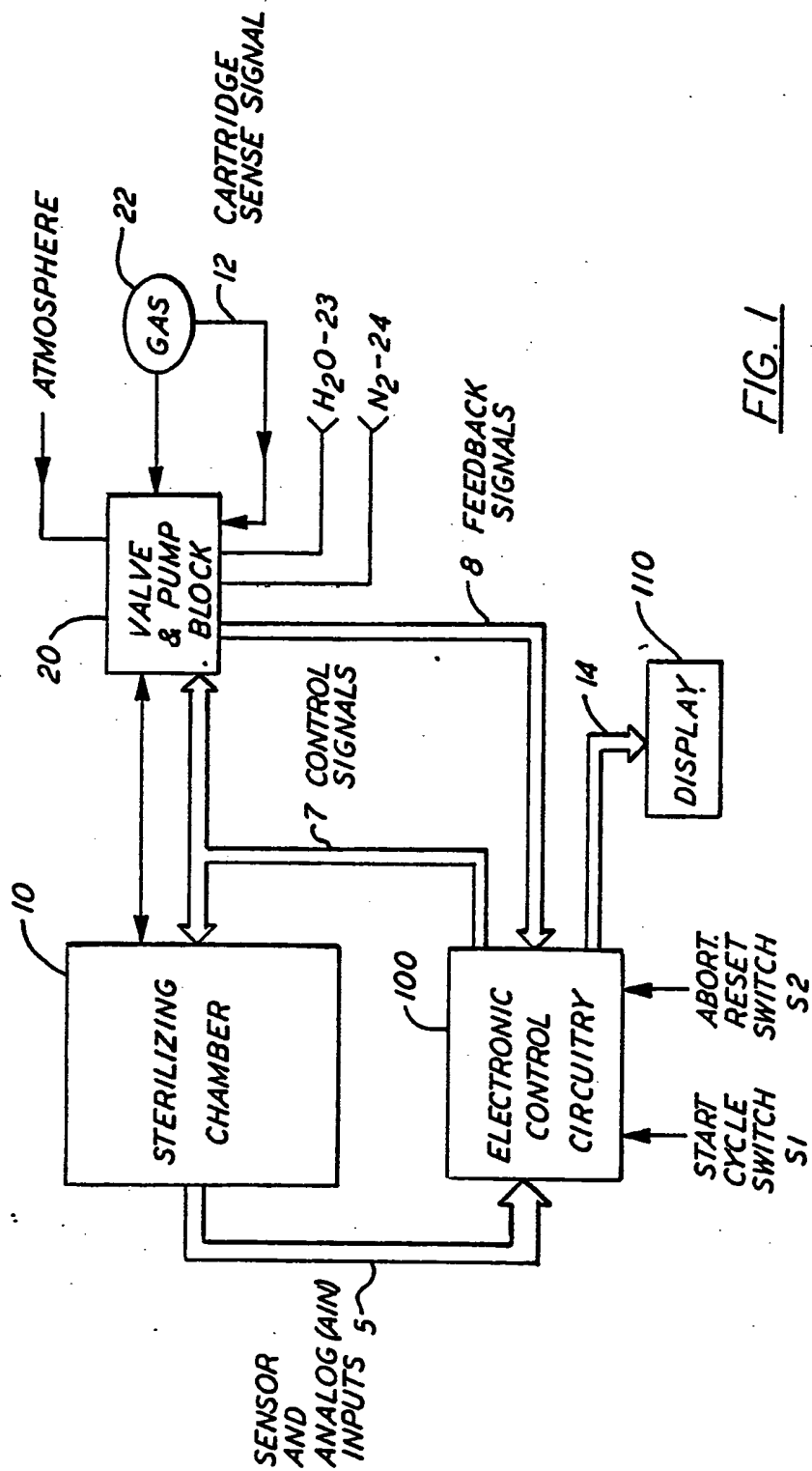
44. The apparatus recited in claim 41, further comprising valve means for supplying water vapor to said chamber means to affect the humidity level in said chamber.
45. The apparatus recited in claim 41, wherein said plurality of measured parameters include the temperature, pressure and humidity in said chamber means and the concentration of said sterilizing gas in said chamber means.
46. The apparatus recited in claim 40 wherein said sterilizing gas comprises chlorine dioxide.
47. The apparatus recited in claim 41 wherein said sterilizing gas comprises chlorine dioxide and said first component comprises chlorine gas and said second component comprises sodium chlorite.
48. The apparatus recited in claim 40 wherein said means for removing comprises vacuum pump means and additional valve means.
49. The apparatus recited in claim 40, wherein said valve means comprises first and second switch means, said first switch means indicating when said valve means is open and said second switch means indicating when said valve means is closed, said first and second switch means being in opposite states such that when said first switch means is closed, said second switch means is open.
50. The apparatus recited in claim 40, further comprising means for disabling said output signals from being transmitted to said valve means except when an enabling signal is issued by said computer means.
51. The apparatus recited in claim 40, further comprising means for monitoring for proper operation of said computer means, said monitoring means issuing a disabling



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signal to prevent actuation of said valve means in the event of a failure of said computer means.

52. The apparatus recited in claim 49, further comprising means for monitoring the state of said first and second switch means, and further comprising means for generating an alarm signal if said first and second switch means are not in the proper states.
53. The apparatus recited in claim 40, wherein said valve means moves between a first state and a second state in response to instructions from said computer means, and further comprising timer means for generating an alarm signal if said valve means does not move from said first to second state in a predetermined time interval.
54. The apparatus recited in claim 40, wherein said computer means further comprises means for aborting the operation of said apparatus to one of a plurality of defined failure states in response to a failure of said apparatus, said selected failure state dependent on the state in said cycle in which the failure occurred.
55. The apparatus recited in claim 39, further comprising means for cycling said apparatus to a further defined state once one of said defined failure states is reached.



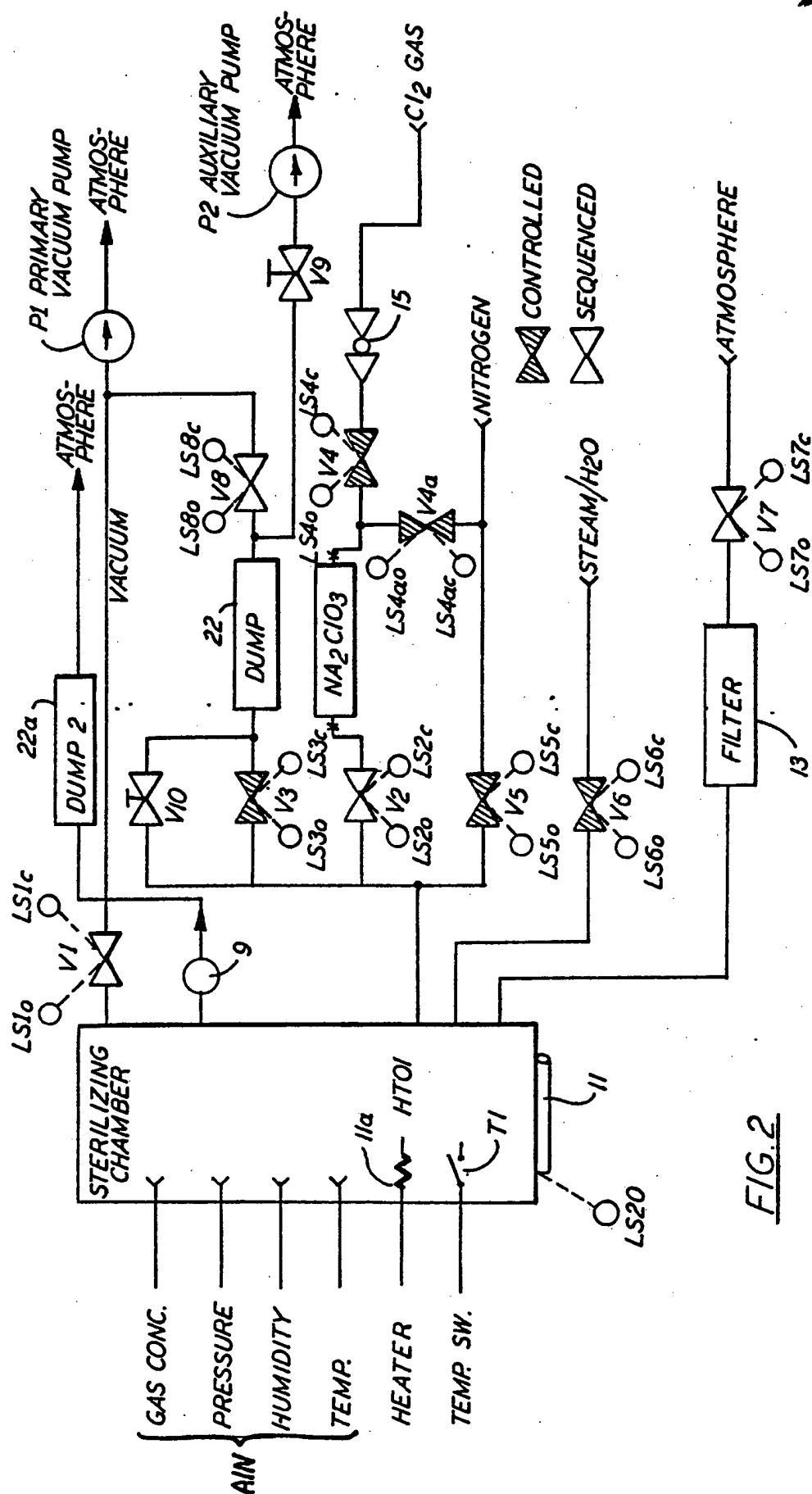


FIG. 2

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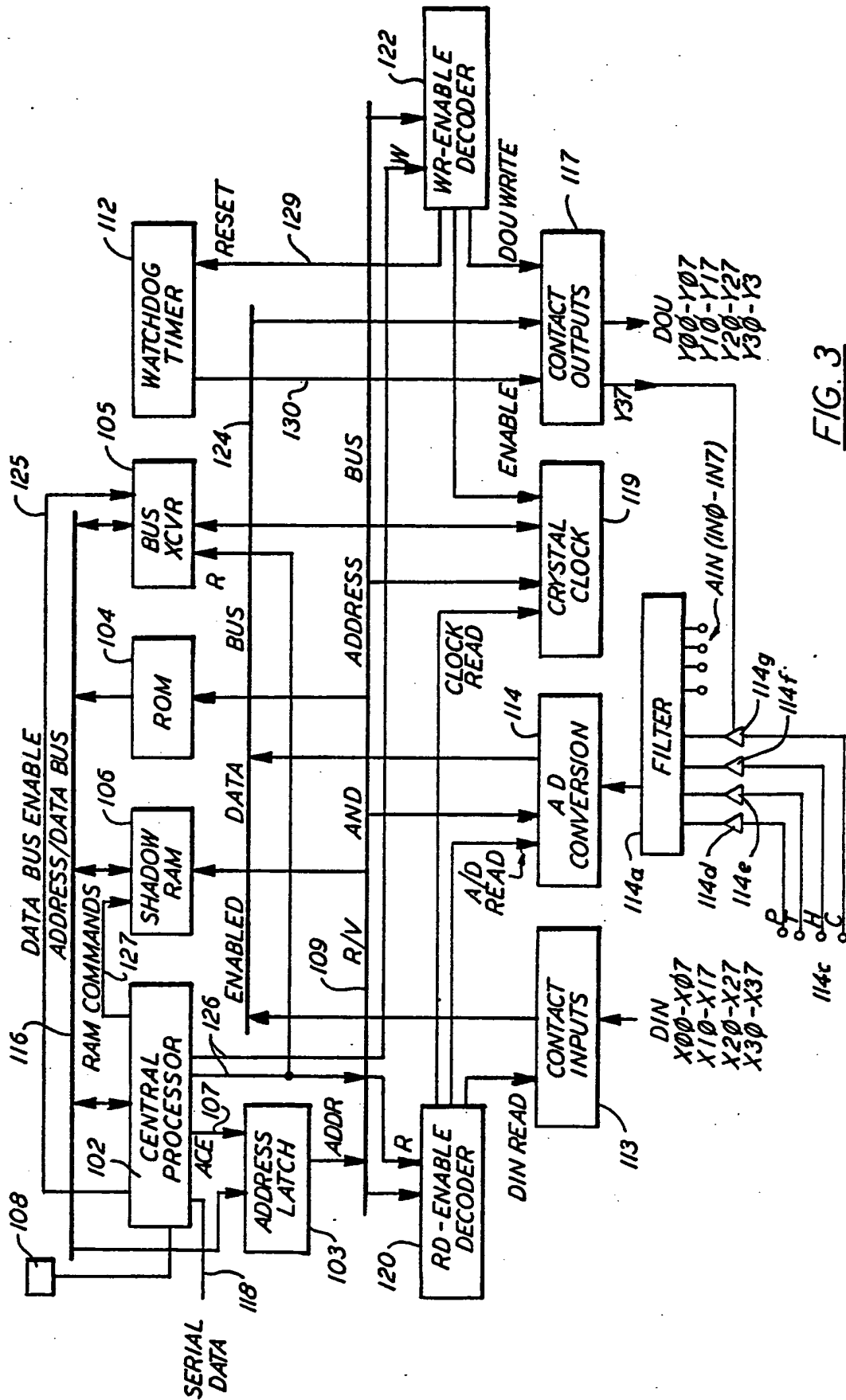


FIG. 3

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0000-0FFF	INTERNAL ROM	0 0 0 0
1000-1FFF	EXTERNAL ROM	0 0 0 1
2000-203F	EXTERNAL SRAM	0 0 1 0
4000-400F	CLOCK	0 1 0 0
6000-6007	A/D READ	0 1 1 0
C000	X00-X07 X10-X17 X20-X27 X30-X37	1 1 0 0
C001		1 1 0 0
C002		1 1 0 0
C003		1 1 0 0
E000	Y00-Y07 Y10-Y17 Y20-Y27 Y30-Y37	1 1 1 0
E001		1 1 1 0
E002		1 1 1 0
E003		1 1 1 0
E004	WATCHDOG - RESET	1 1 1 0

FIG. 3A(a)

FIG. 3A(a)	FIG. 3A(b)
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FIG. 3A

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ADDRESS BUS BITS

$A_{11} A_{10} A_9 A_8$	$A_7 A_6 A_5 A_4$	$A_3 A_2 A_1 A_0$
_____	$A_7 A_6 A_5 A_4$	$A_3 A_2 A_1 A_0$
$A_{11} A_{10} A_9 A_8$	$A_7 A_6 A_5 A_4$	$A_3 A_2 A_1 A_0$
$A_{11} A_{10} A_9 A_8$	$A_7 A_6 A_5 A_4$	$A_3 A_2 A_1 A_0$
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FIG. 3A(b)

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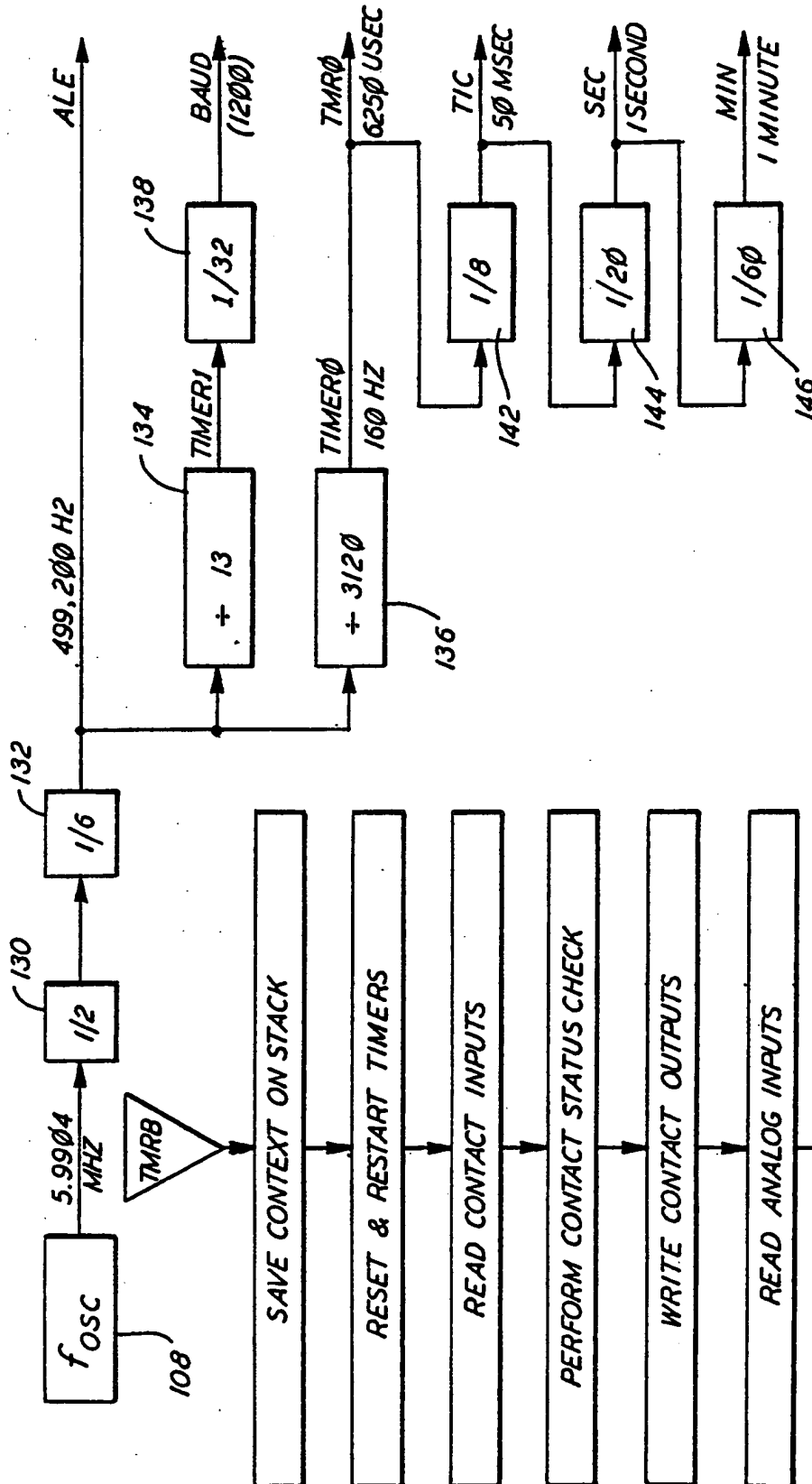


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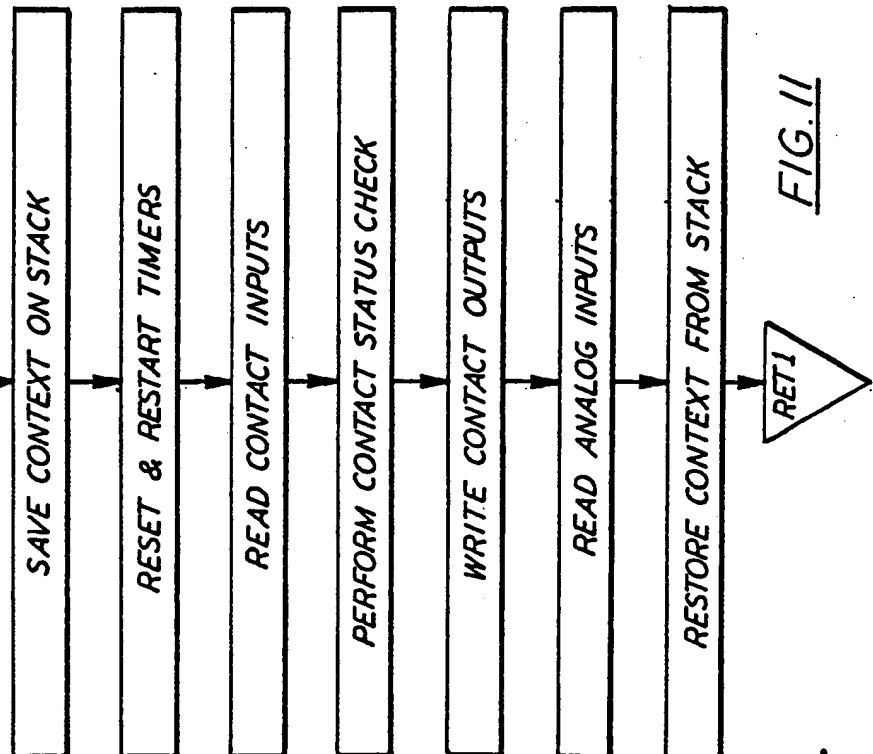


FIG. 11

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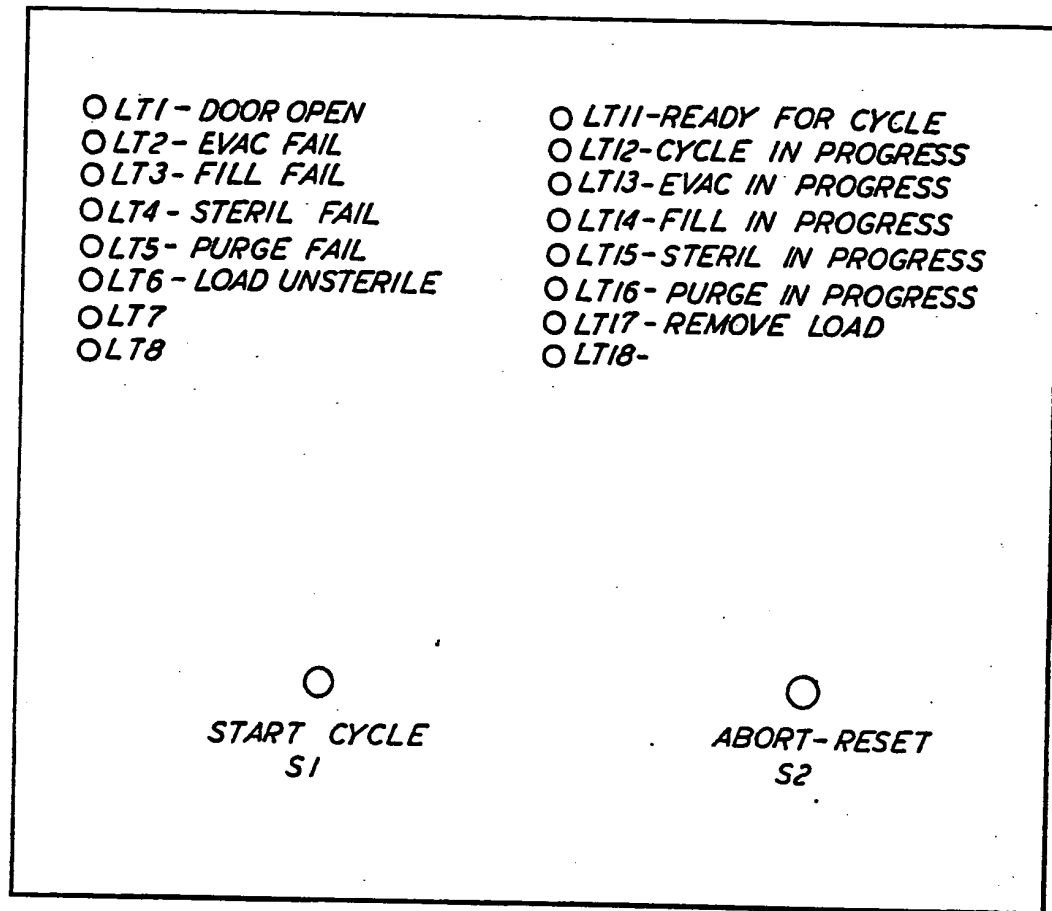
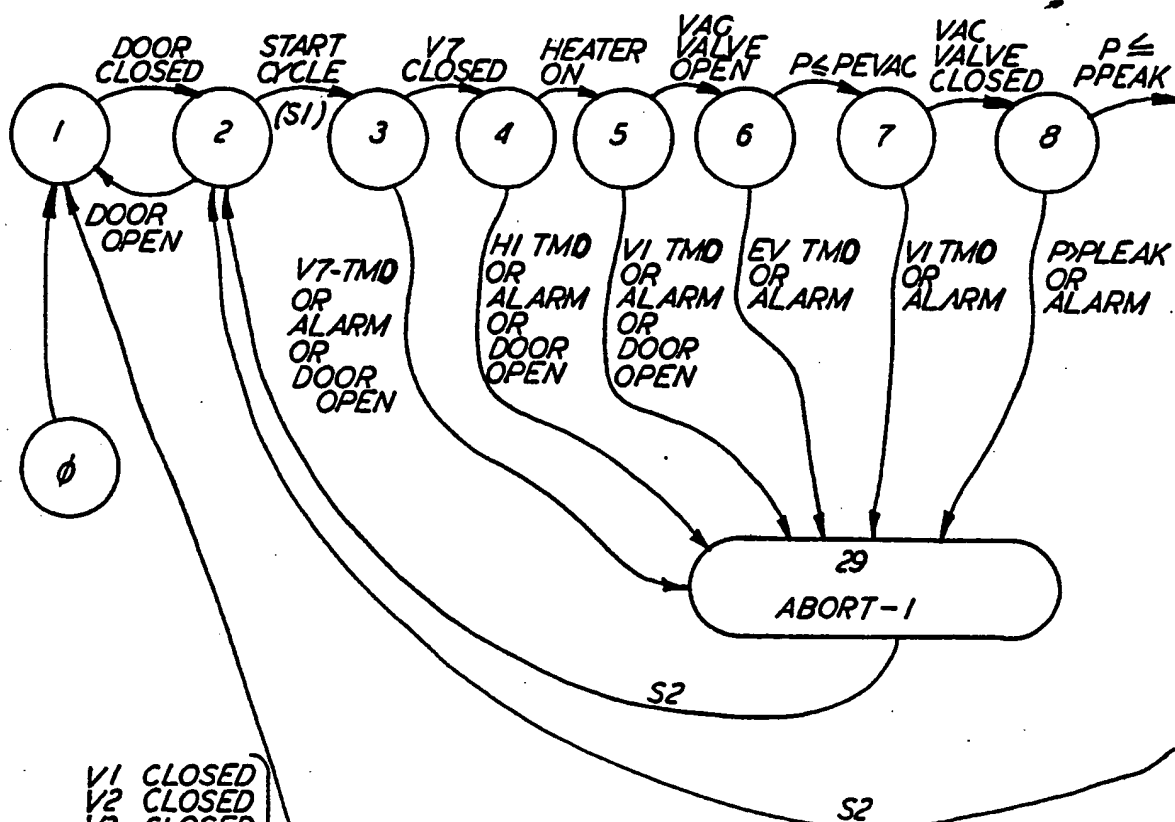


FIG. 5



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V1	CLOSED
V2	CLOSED
V3	CLOSED
V4	CLOSED
V5	CLOSED
V6	CLOSED
V7	OPEN
V8	CLOSED
V9	CLOSED
P1	OFF
H1	OFF

FIG. 6A.

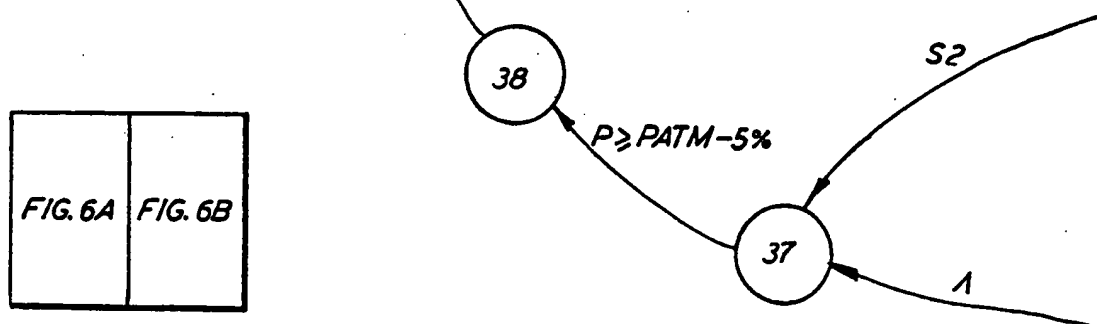
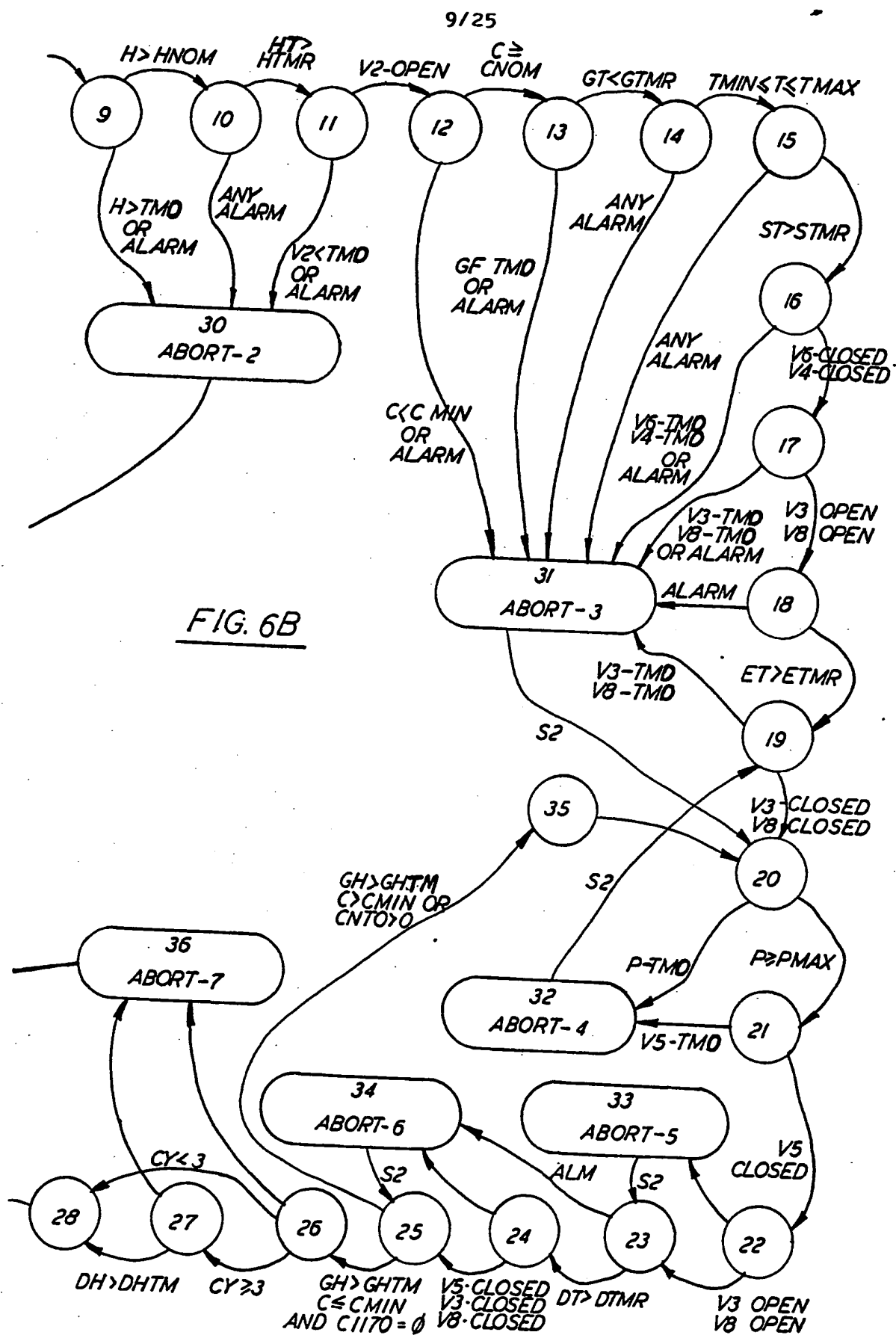
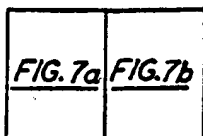


FIG. 6

**FIG. 6A** | **FIG. 6B**



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FIG. 7

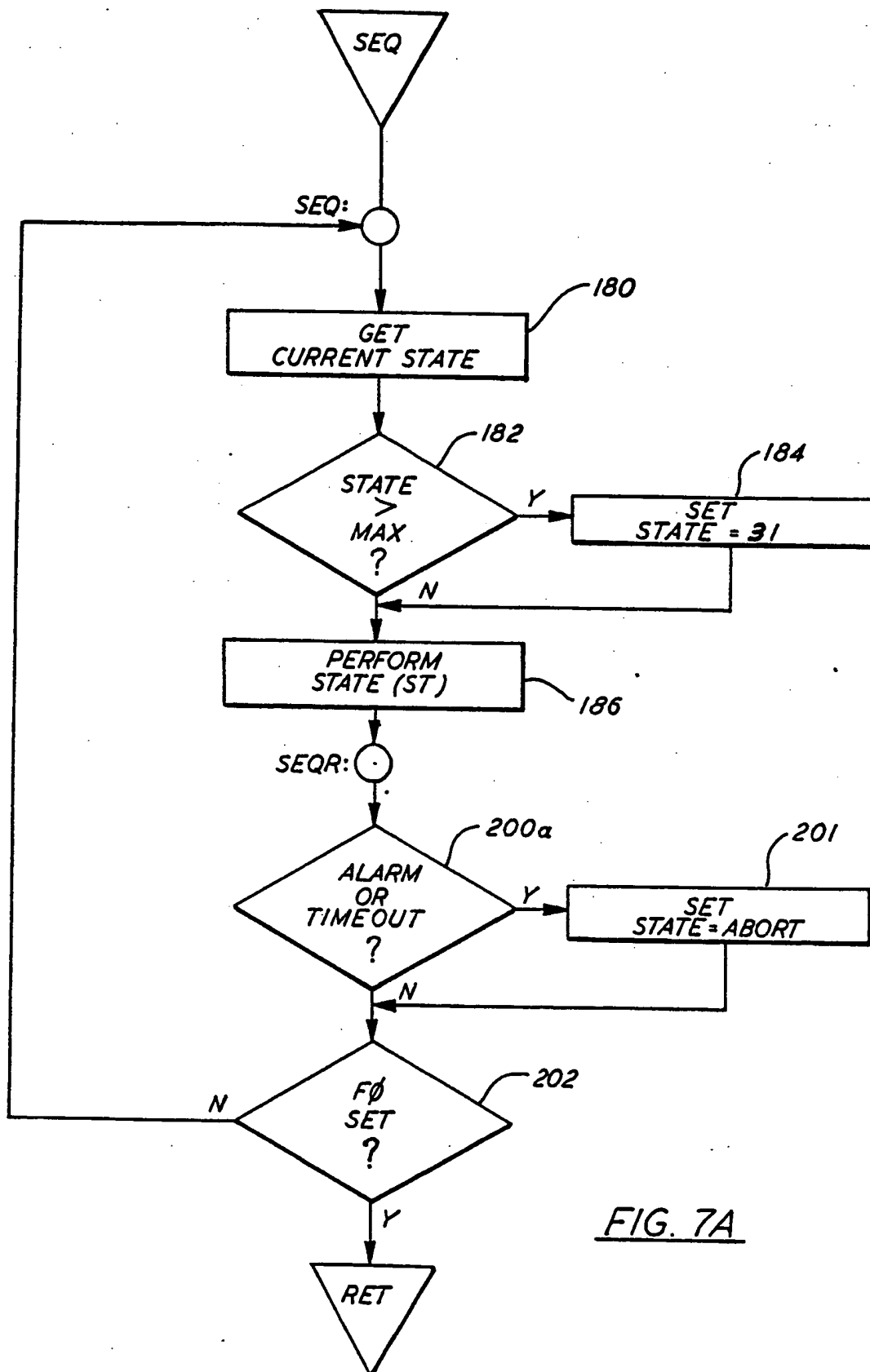
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	FILL FAIL	LT03	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	STERIL FAIL	LT04	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PURGE FAIL	LT05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	LOAD MASTER	LT06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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		LT08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	READY	LT11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CYCLE	LT12	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	EVAC	LT13	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	FILL	LT14	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	STERIL	LT15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
	PURGE	LT16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ROM LOAD	LT17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		LT18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V A L V E S	MAIN VAC	VV01	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GAS ENABLE	VV02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	VAC CTRL	VV03	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
	GAS CTRL	VV04	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	C	C	C	0	0	0
	N2 CTRL	VV05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	C	C	C	C	0	0	0	0
	H2O CTRL	VV06	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	C	C	C	C	C	0	0	0	0
	ATM VENT	VV07	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	VAC VLV.	VV08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
	VAC PUMP	PP01	C	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	HEATER	HT01	0	0	0	0	1	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
	GAIN CHG.	GCI	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIG. 7a

STATES										ABORT									
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FIG. 7b

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FIG. 7A

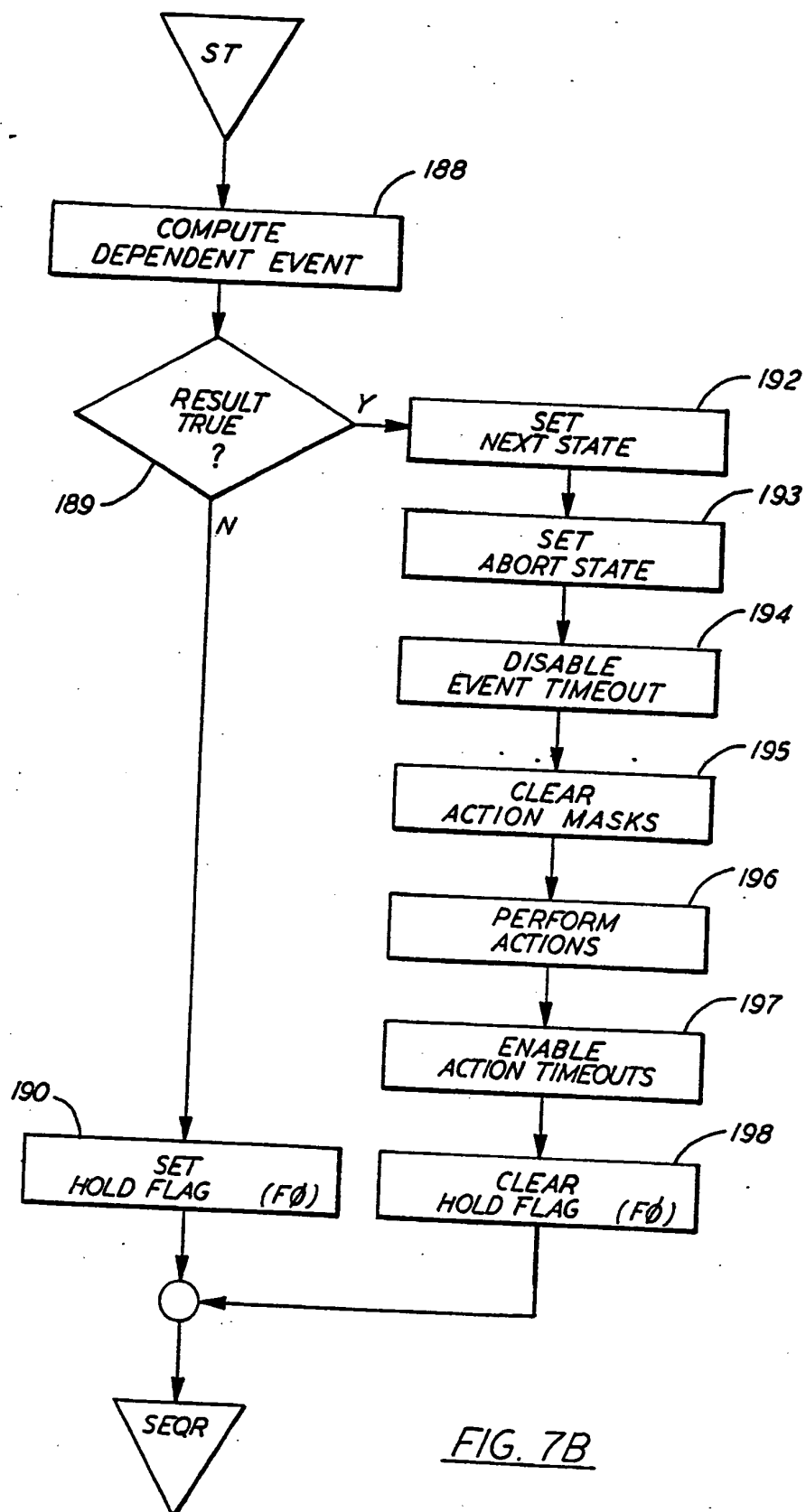


FIG. 7B

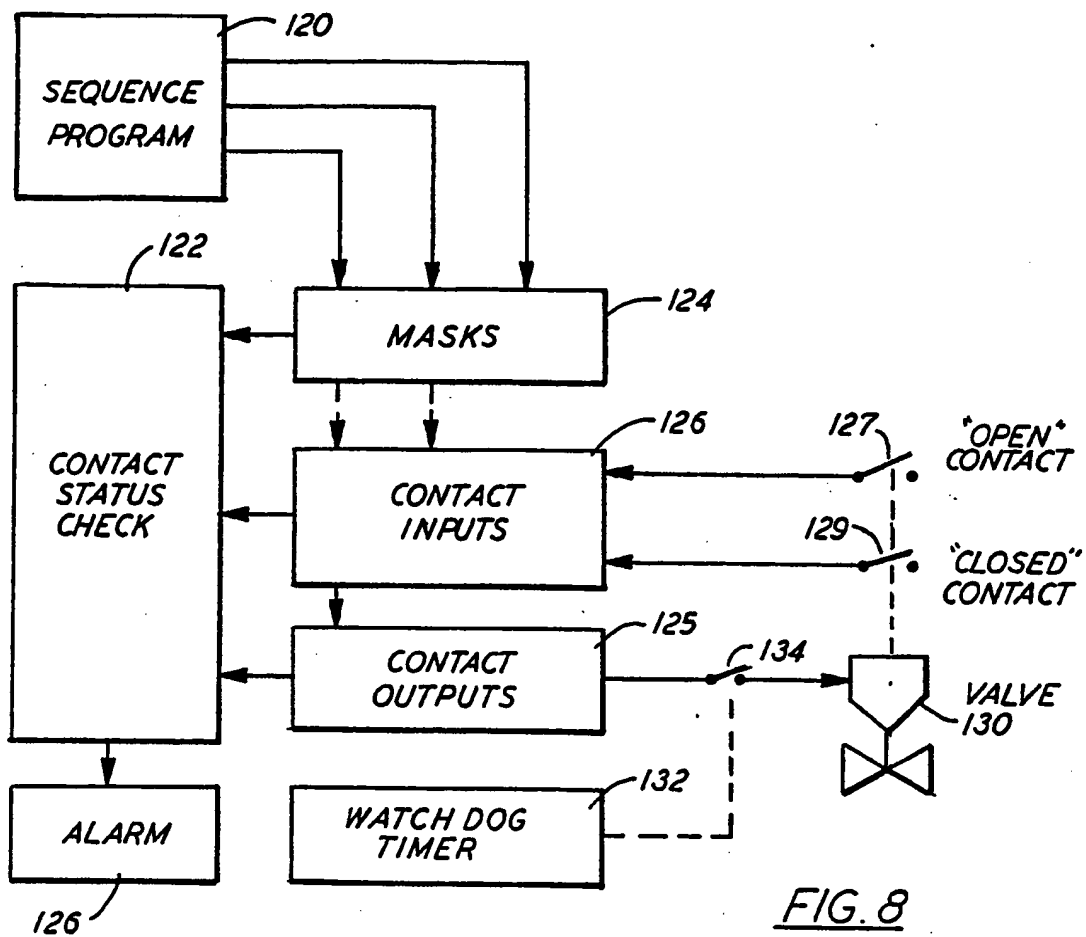


FIG. 8

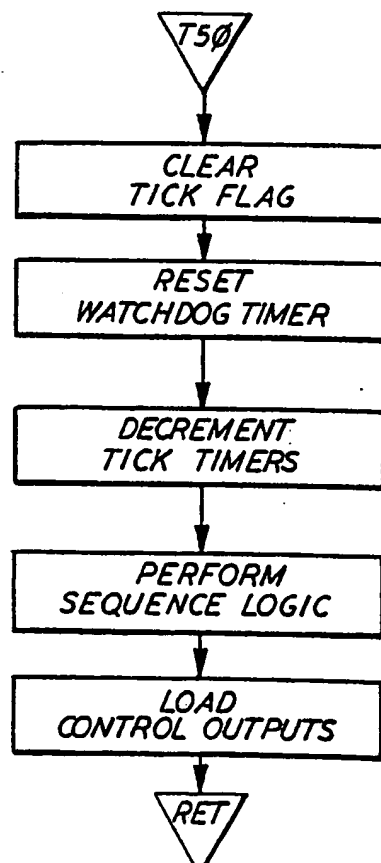


FIG. 13

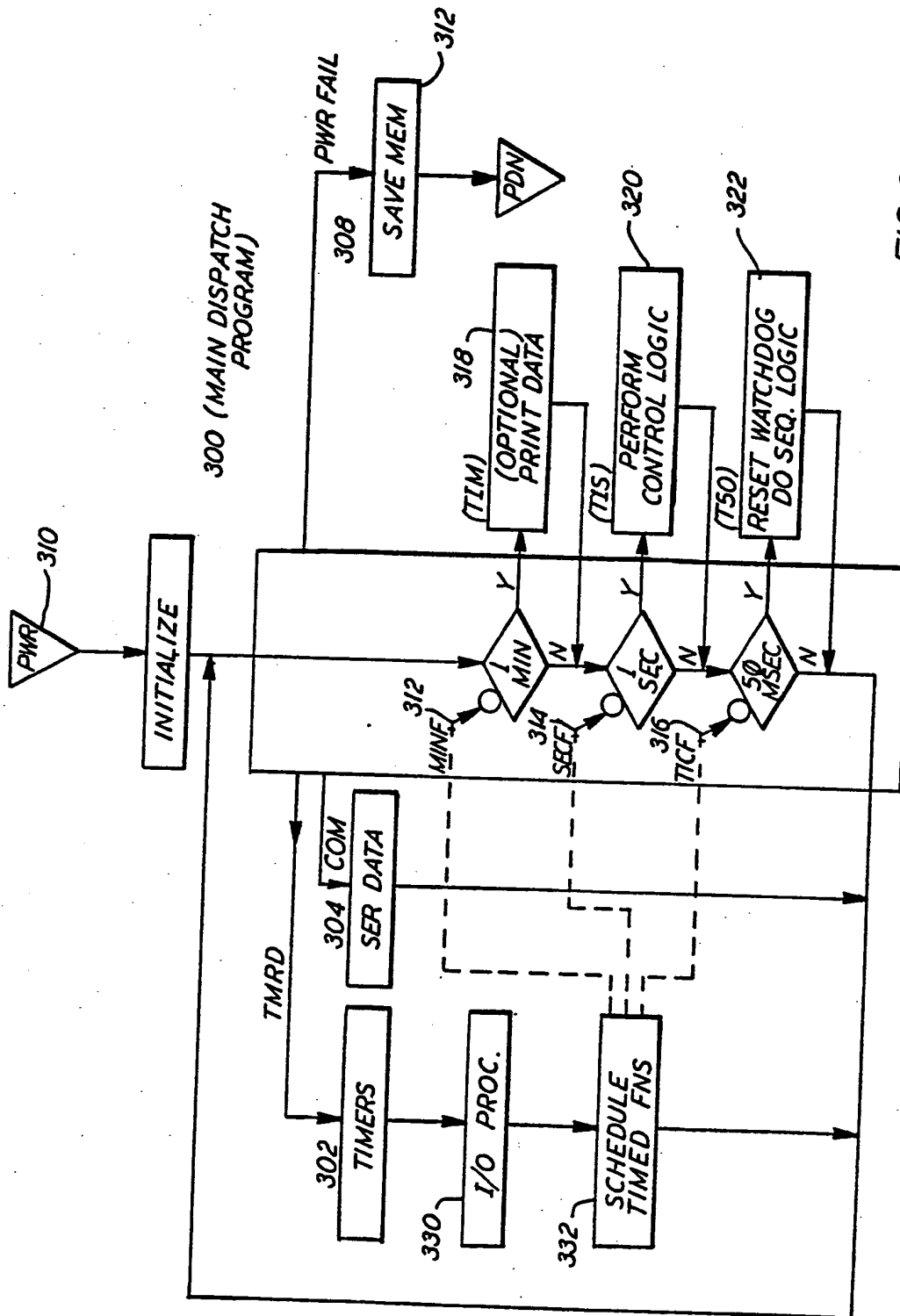


FIG. 9



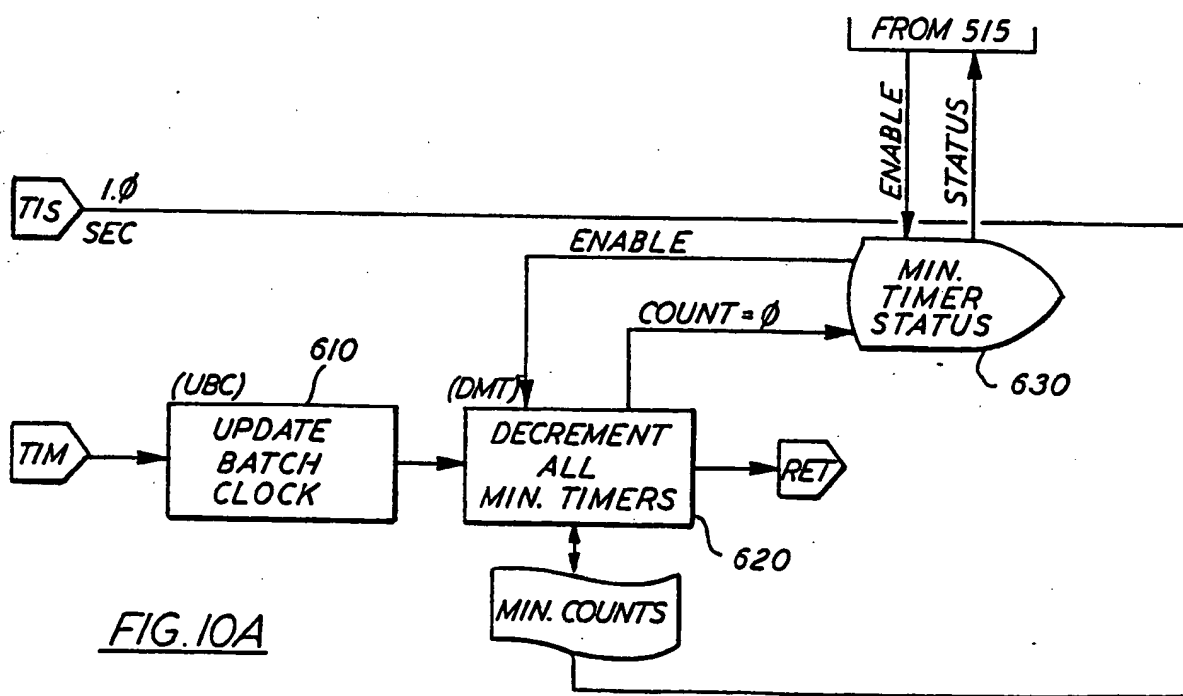
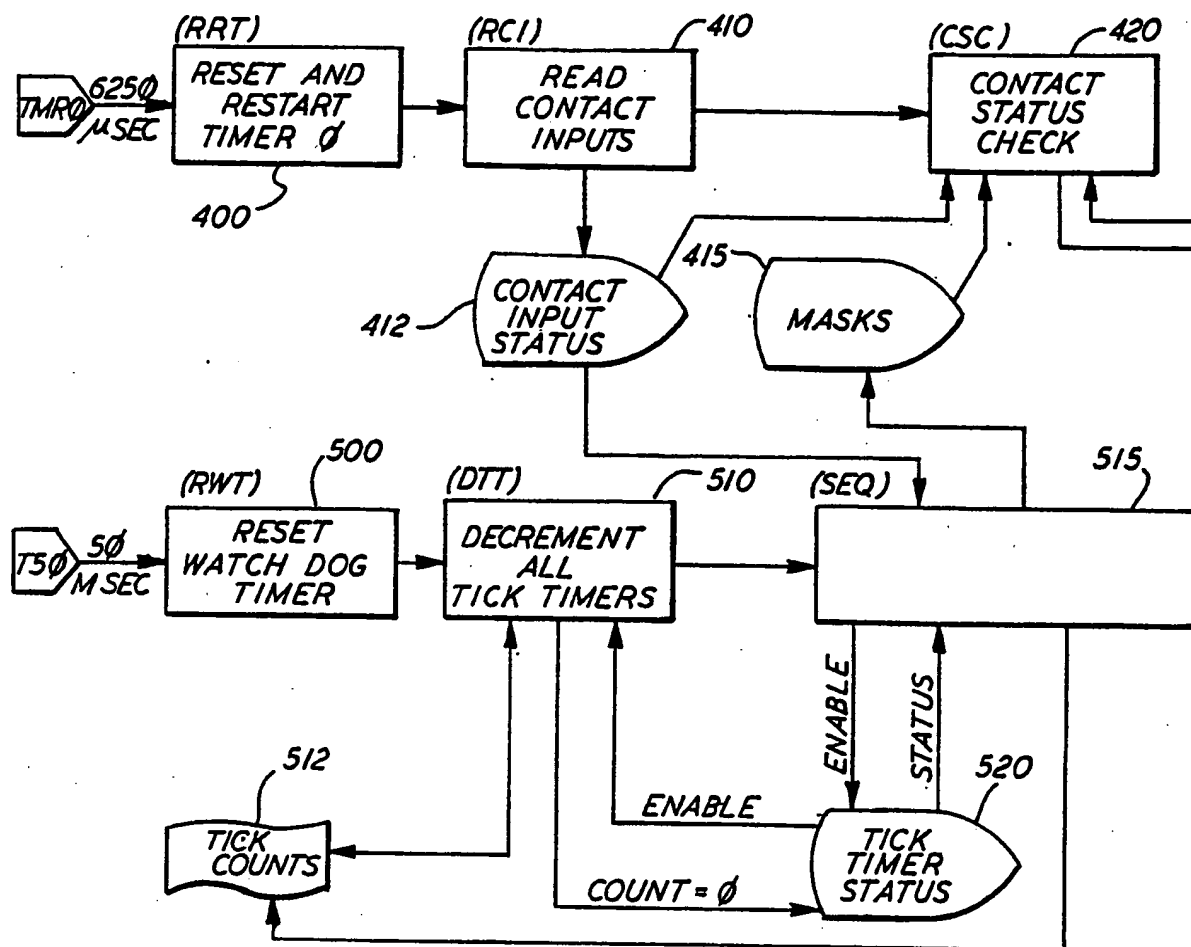
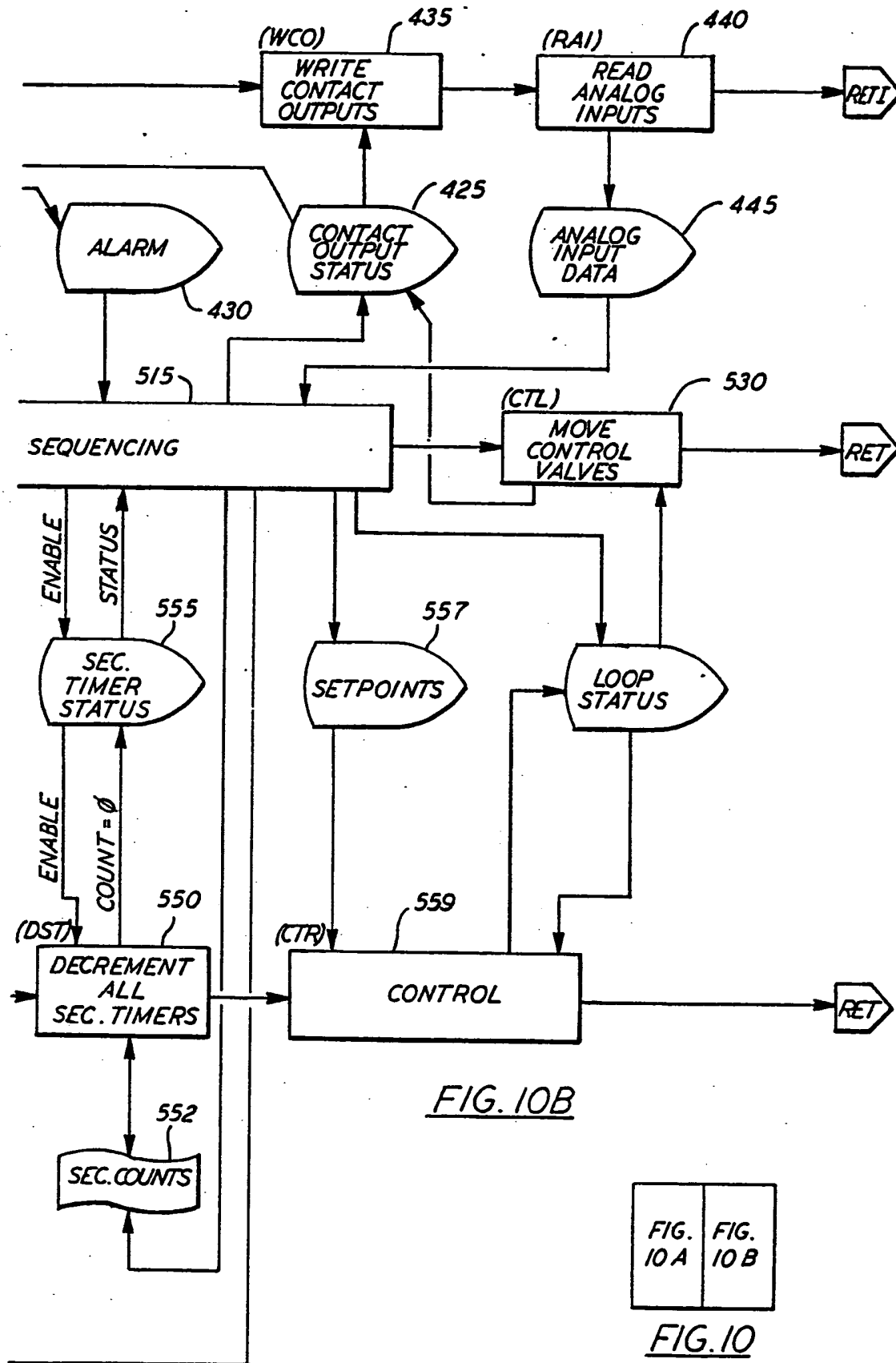


FIG. 10A



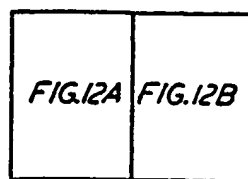
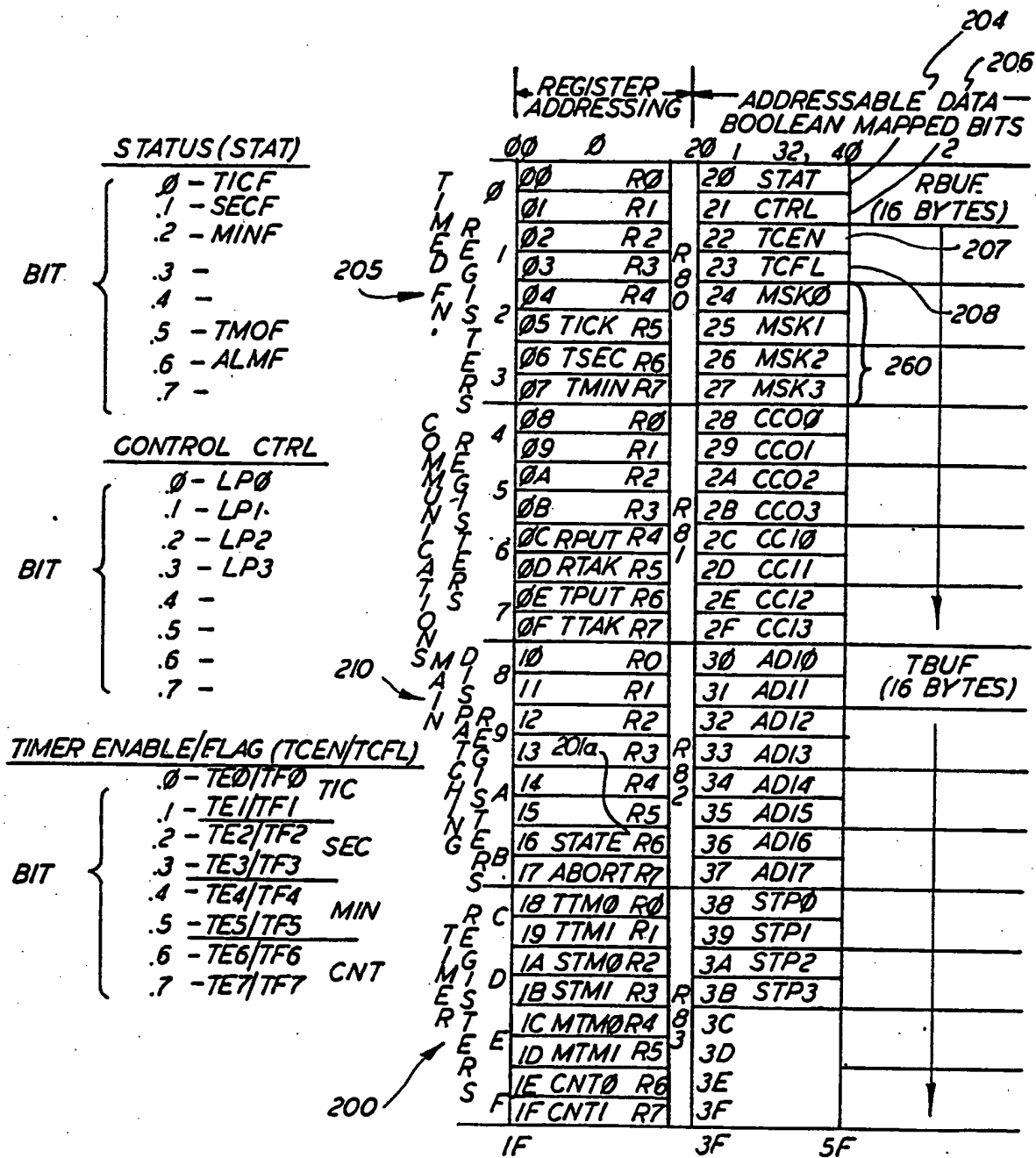


FIG. 12



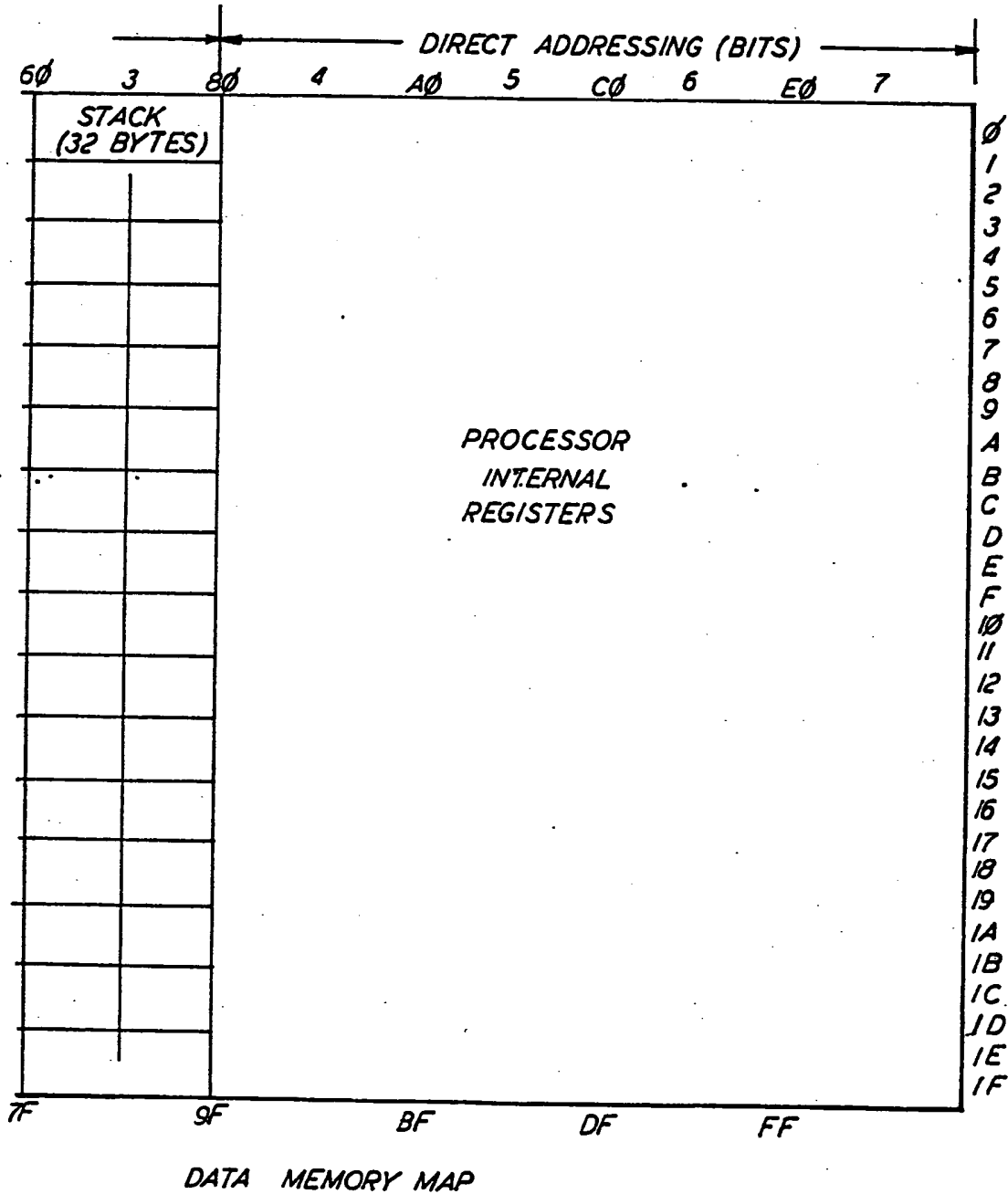


FIG. 12B

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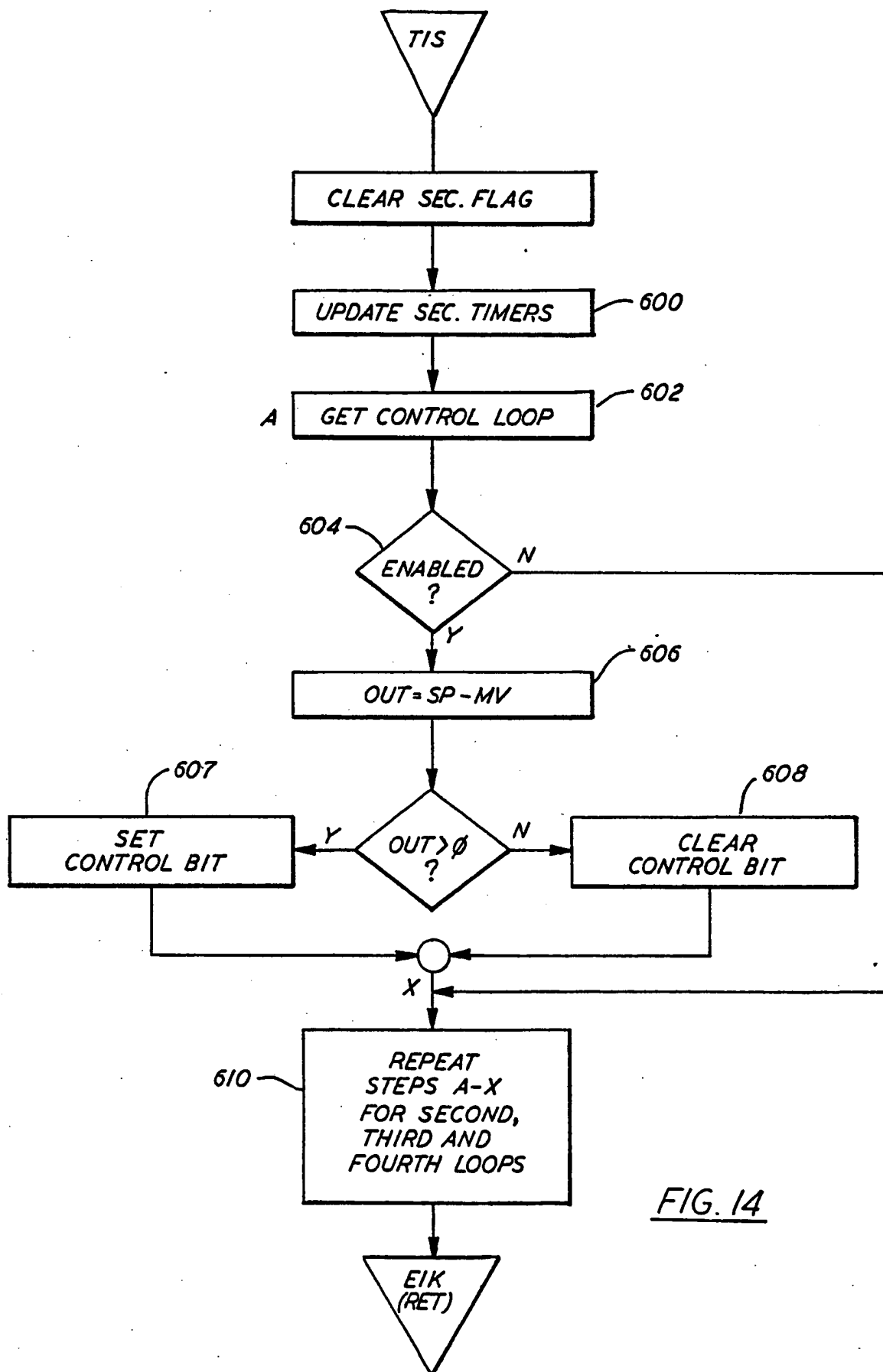


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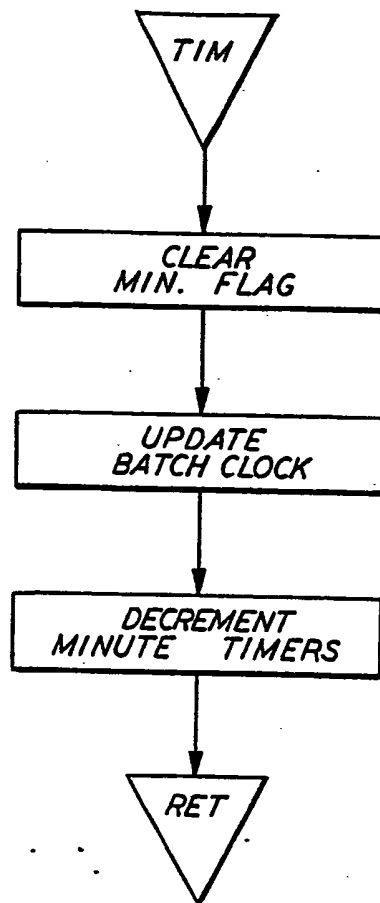


FIG. 15

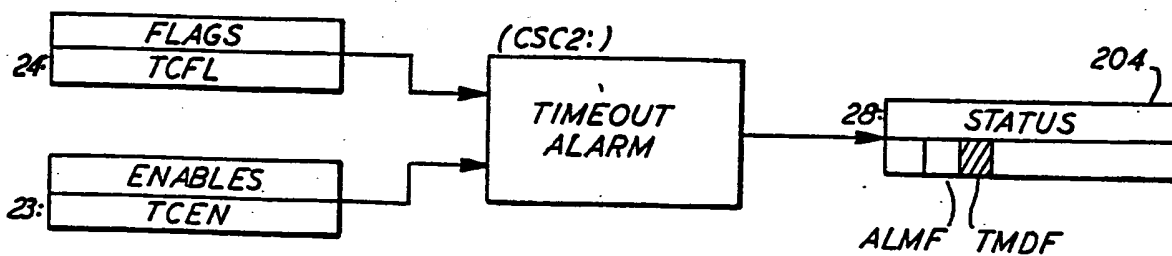
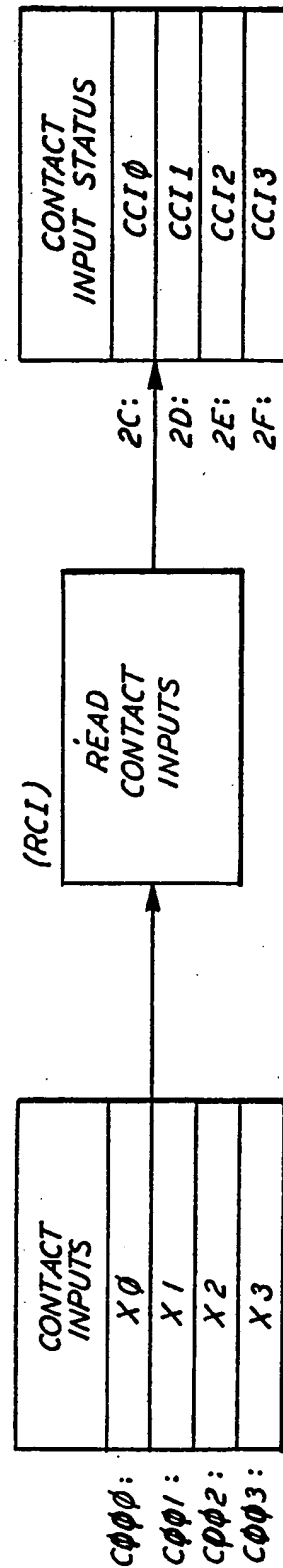
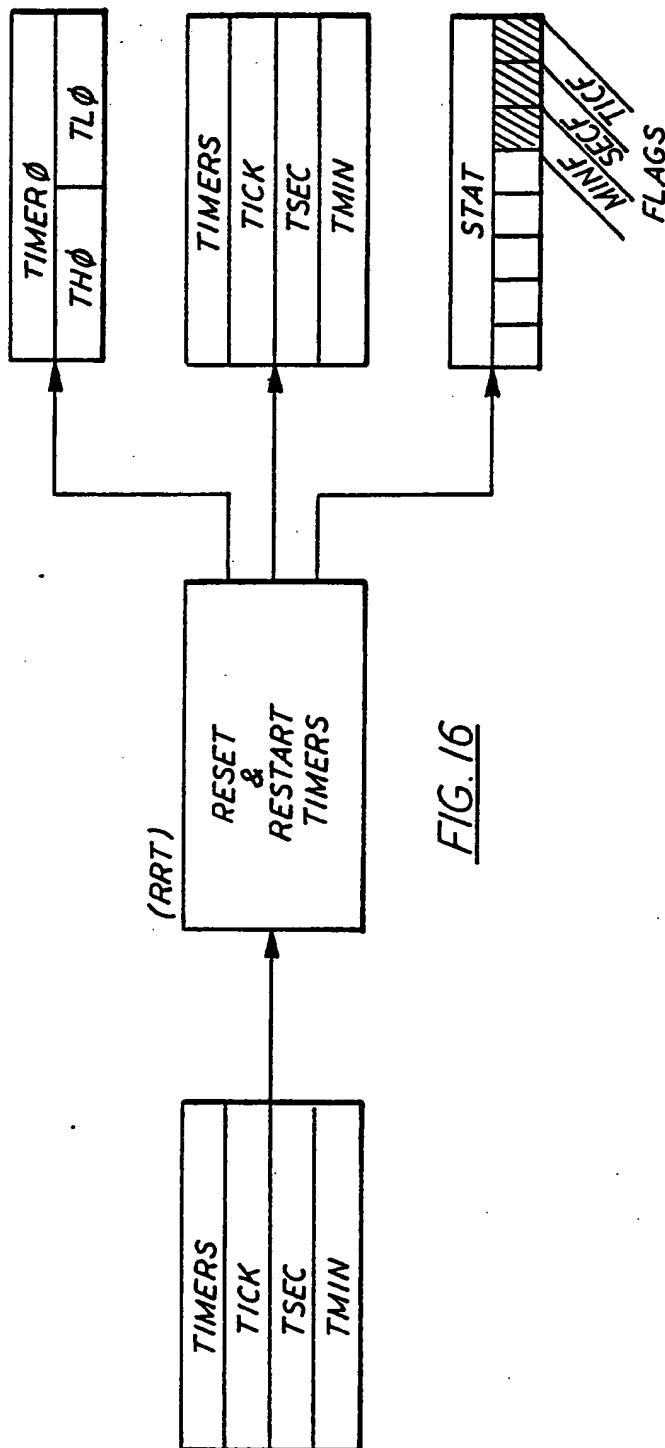
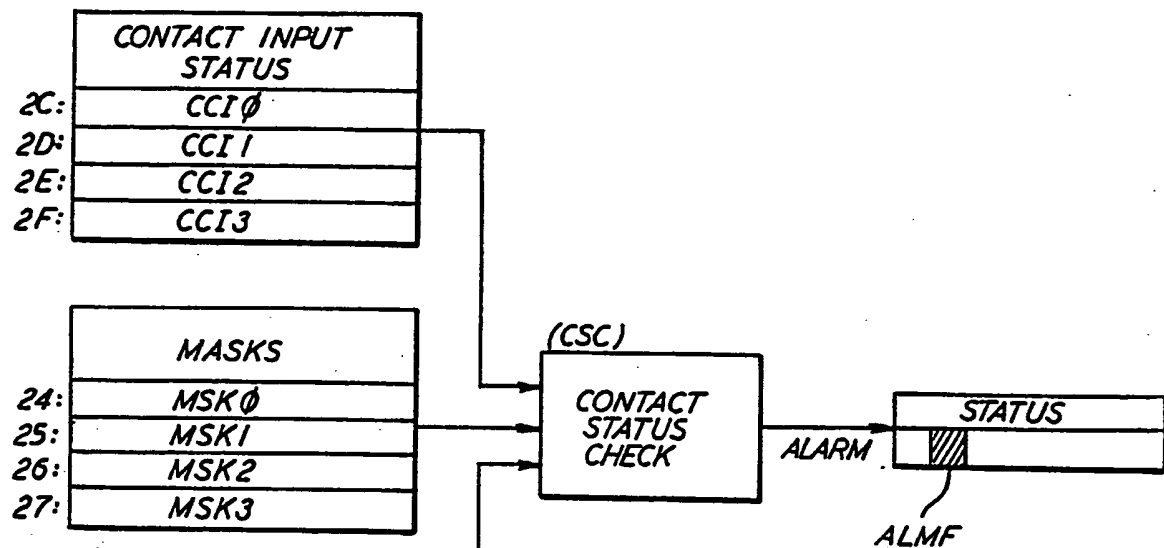
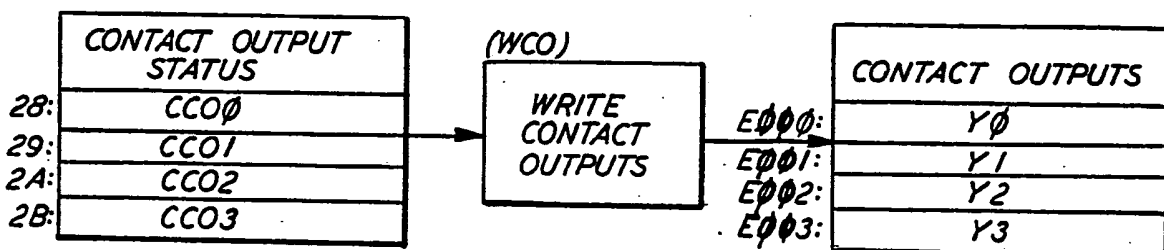


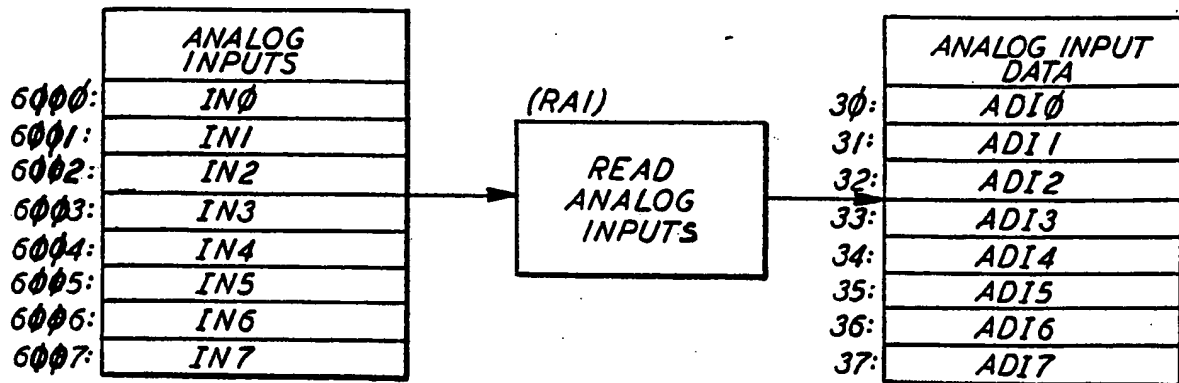
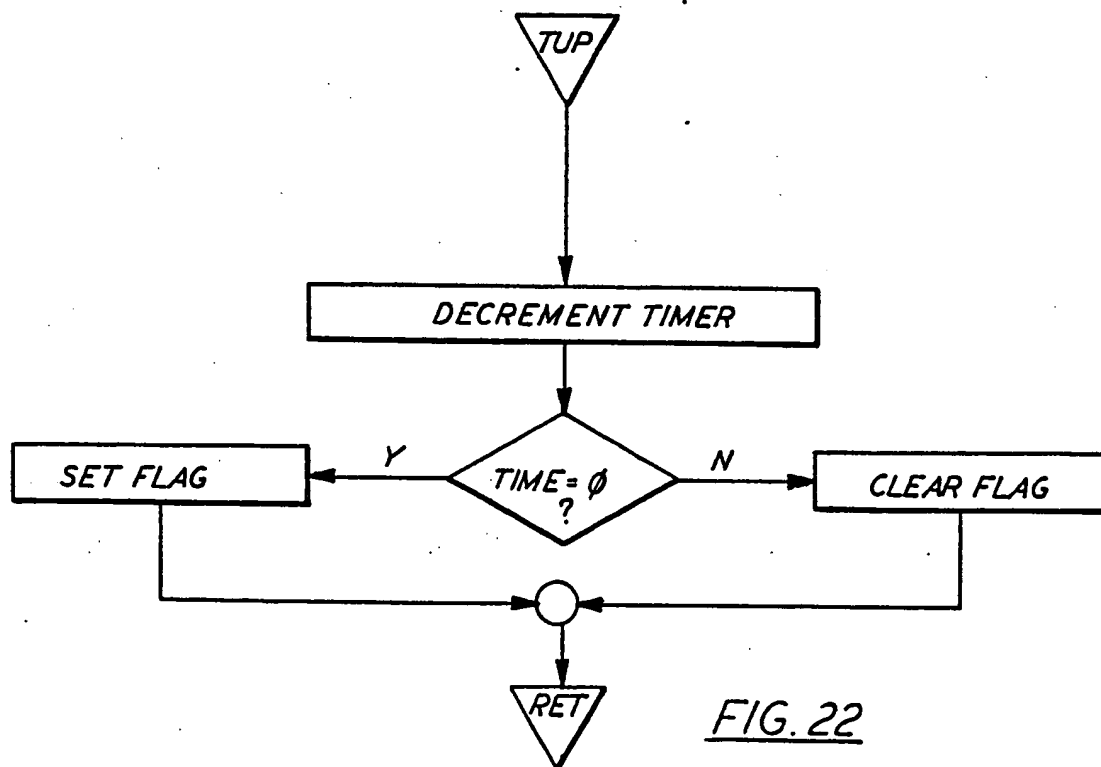
FIG. 18

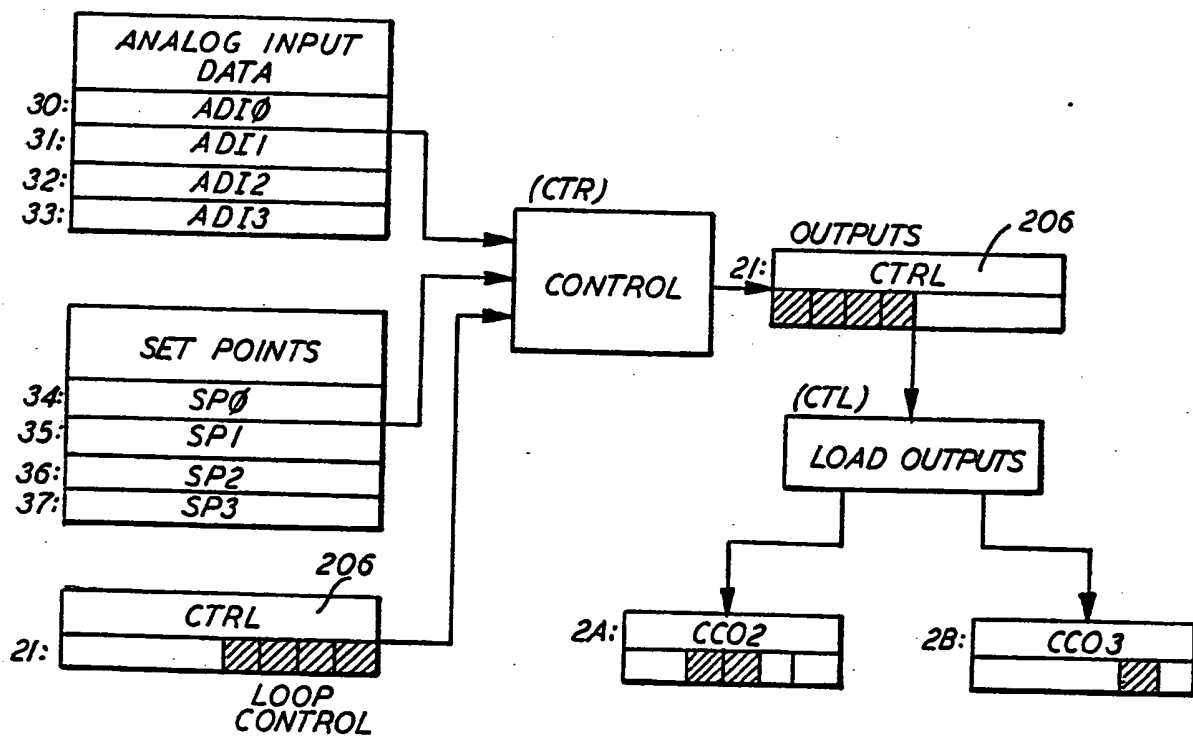
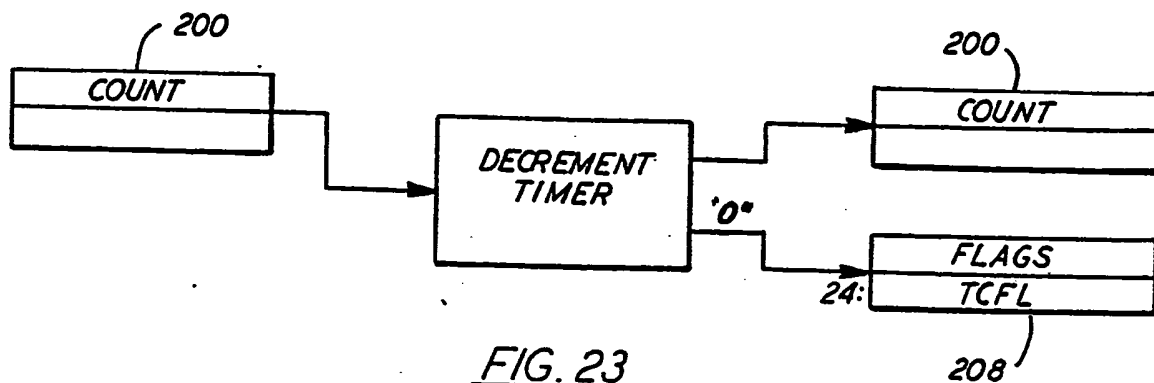


FIG. 19FIG. 20



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FIG. 21FIG. 22



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